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INTRODUCTION
BY GENE COLAN

Welcome to the fifth collection of *Daredevil* stories from the *Marvel Masterworks!* Although Sub-Mariner and Iron Man were the first characters I drew after joining the Marvel Age of Comics, *Daredevil* was something different. It offered me my first full-issue series.

Like the stories I did back when Marvel was known as Timely Comics, "Sub-Mariner" in *Tales to Astonish* and "Iron Man" in *Tales of Suspense* were short stories that shared each issue with other tales and other characters. I always felt it was hard to get to know the characters in a short story. In order for me to tell a good story, I need a good amount of pages. Besides, psychologically, I never felt that, with a short story, I was being given a project I could show off.

Stan's "Marvel Method" and the full-issue length of our *Daredevil* stories were the right combination for me to explore my influences and show off at least a little bit.

Being a movie fan, the cinema influenced my storytelling. Brian DePalma's pacing and camera work always caught my attention. It can be a little confusing, but I like that; and I also studied Frank Capra for his down-to-earth storytelling, which is so clearly laid out. But in spite of that, I did not always do a good job. I could have abbreviated my visuals. I very often liked to work through a scene by taking the long route, thereby allowing me to move through scenes like a camera. Instead of taking a few panels to tell something, I often took a few pages!

Stan didn't mind too much, though, and we worked on Daredevil together, sending Matt Murdock through another adventure month-in and month-out. The main philosophy we had that I recall was making Daredevil himself more down to earth. He could have a cold, something we all can relate to—he wasn't a lofty, invincible guy. Stan would come up with the plot for each issue that he would then dictate to me over the phone. The entire thrust of a storyline was Stan's, but it was my job to then work out a full 20-page story out of his five- or ten-minute synopsis. Any questions I might have had as to what Stan was driving at I asked at the time, and from there, my imagination took over.

Of the issues you hold in your hands, two stand out. In issue #43 I had the opportunity to draw Captain America for the first time in many years. I'd loved the ideals that were part of Cap going back to his earliest stories in World War II, and I had a firm grasp on his character. I knew he was muscular, honest, and straightforward, had good habits and was always ready to help an old lady across the street.

Following a similar ideal, but addressing the issues of the 1960s, "Brother Take My Hand!" was an accomplishment I carry with me today. I loved the fact that we were speaking out about the Vietnam War and expressing some of the feelings we were having at home about the issues of that particular war, and most importantly showing the suffering and loss of our soldiers and their families. From an artistic point of view, I always loved drawing soldiers. Still do! My current assignment, a *Captain America* special, places me in World War II. I'm loving every moment.

By the same token, issues of civil rights were close to my heart, both morally and ethically. I loved every opportunity to draw and represent black people and their issues and their humanity. Long before the Civil Rights movement and my work on "Brother…", I was living in Westchester and doing paintings of the black experience in and around my neighborhood. This was early 1950s. I love drawing black people. There's a strength, power and humanity and character in their faces that I love to portray.

A few issues later I moved from *Daredevil* to *The Avengers*, and Barry Windsor-Smith picked up the Man Without Fear. I thought Barry's first work at Marvel seemed awkward, yet it was clear he had talent. It wasn't until he worked on *Conan* that I saw his powerful and brilliant talent shine through. Great artist!

By the time that I returned to DD with issue #53, Stan had turned over the writing to Roy Thomas, who I'd been working with on *Avengers* and *Doctor Strange*. It's well known by now that Stan's "strength" working with me was to know I did my best, most imaginative work with the smallest account of the story and the least direction as to how to portray it. Roy's strength was to be able to take over Stan's shoes without imposing personal ego or anything else other than to understand the strength of Stan's protocol. Although Stan "told" me the stories, and Roy now wrote scripts, that was no difference to me. Roy was easygoing; he kept a clear, concise storyline and then let me fly. If I didn't follow every line written, and didn't stay on script page by page as written, it was fine with Roy. He was flexible and smart and knew how to place trust in his collaborators. It was a pleasure working with him. I was totally relaxed thanks to his good scripts and relaxed, upbeat nature.

Now, I hope you're ready—turn the page and leap into Daredevil's adventures!

Gene Colan
2008

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NOBODY LAUGHS at The JESTER!
THE NEWEST, THE MOST CATACLYSMIC CREATION OF SMILIN' STAN LEE and GENIAL GENE COLAN
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NOT MANY MEN CAN LOOT AN UNDERGROUND BANK VAULT, SINGLE-HANDED ...USING ONLY SOME SMALL SLEEP PELLETS AND A HANDFUL OF INNOCENT-LOOKING TOYS!
...BUT THEN, NOT MANY MEN CAN BE...THE JESTER!
AND NOW, LET THE WONDERMENT UNFOLD...!

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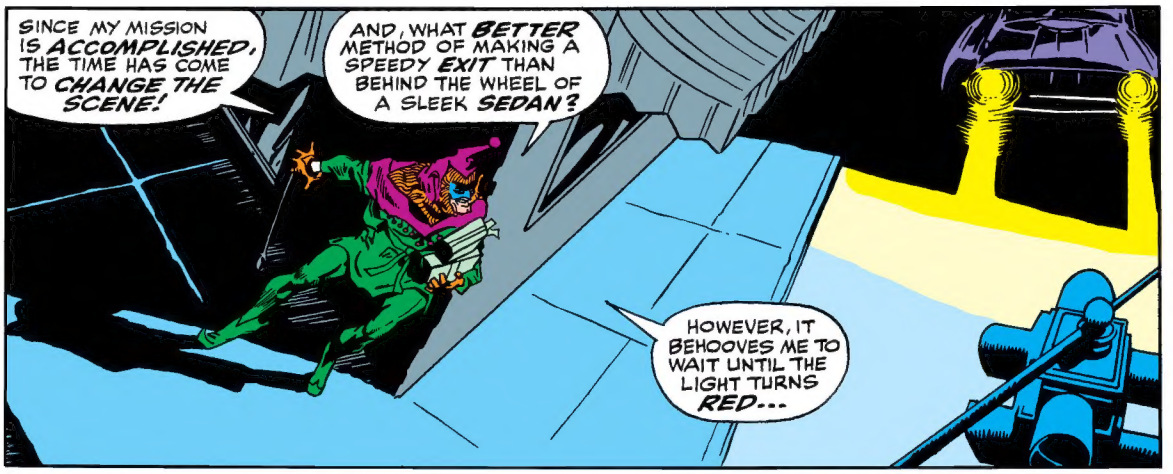
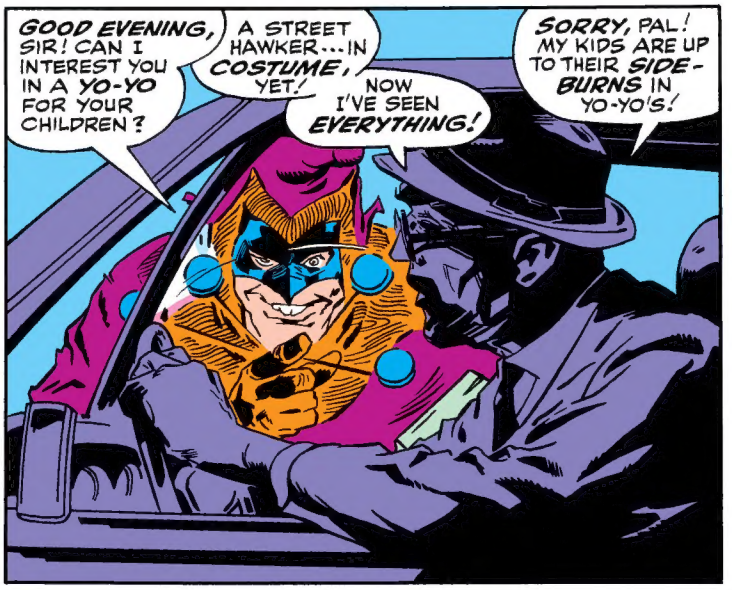
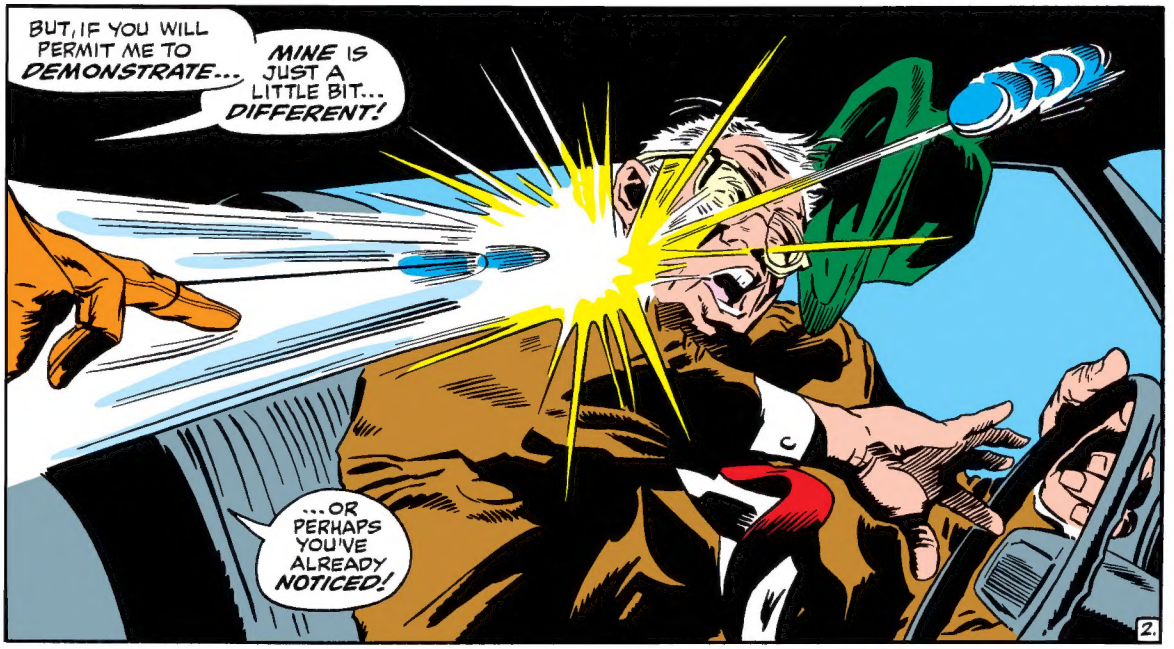
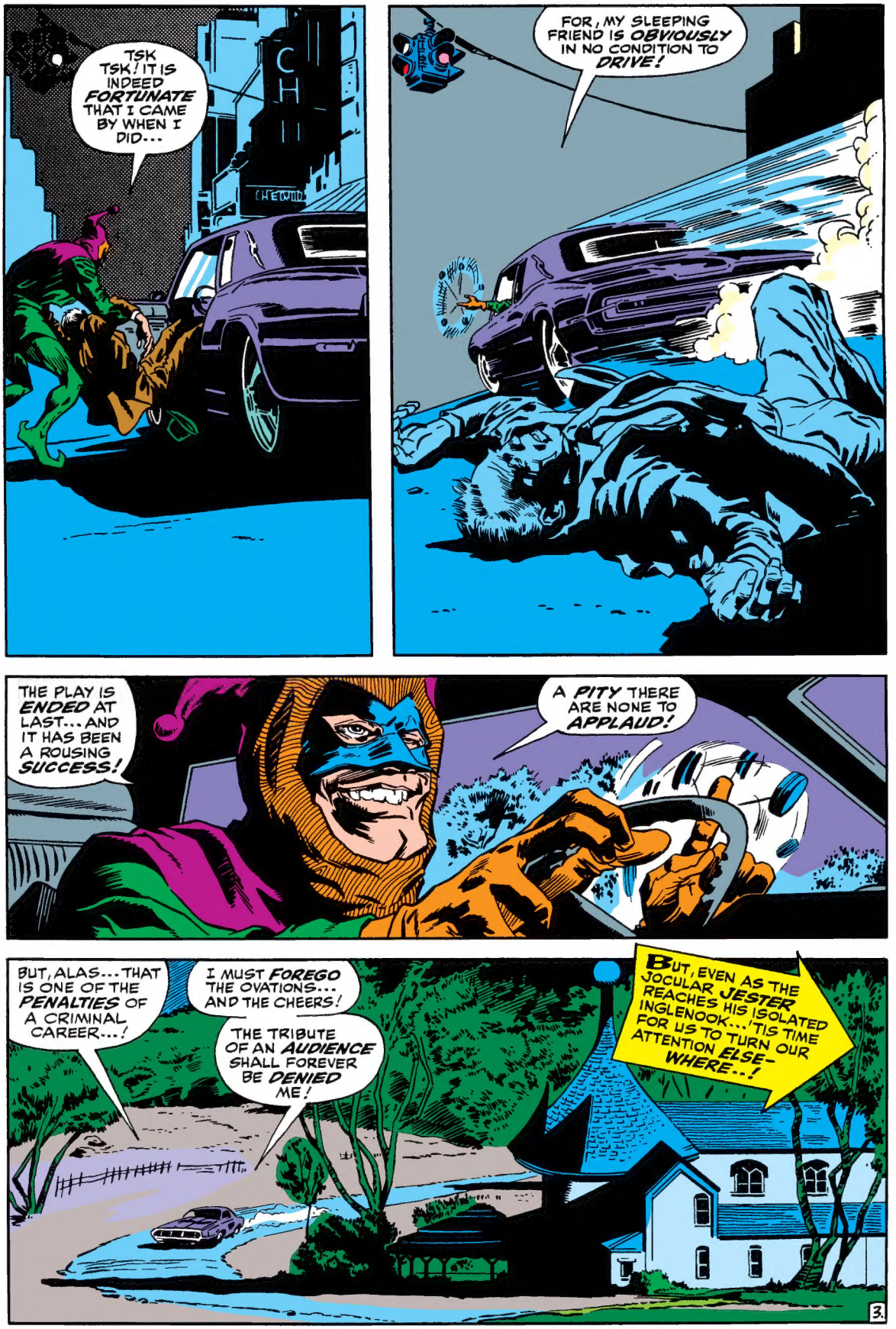

SINCE MY MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED, THE TIME HAS COME TO CHANGE THE SCENE!
AND, WHAT BETTER METHOD OF MAKING A SPEEDY EXIT THAN BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A SLEEK SEDAN?
HOWEVER, IT BEHOOVES ME TO WAIT UNTIL THE LIGHT TURNS RED...

FOR, CROSSING AGAINST THE LIGHT IS A MISDEMEANOR...
AND FAR BE IT FROM ME TO SCOFF AT SUCH A LAW!


GOOD EVENING, SIR! CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A YO-YO FOR YOUR CHILDREN?
A STREET HAWKER... IN COSTUME, YET!
NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!
SORRY, PAL! MY KIDS ARE UP TO THEIR SIDE-BURNS IN YO-YO'S!


BUT, IF YOU WILL PERMIT ME TO DEMONSTRATE...
MINE IS JUST A LITTLE BIT... DIFFERENT!
...OR PERHAPS YOU'VE ALREADY NOTICED!


TSK TSK! IT IS INDEED FORTUNATE THAT I CAME BY WHEN I DID...
FOR, MY SLEEPING FRIEND IS OBVIOUSLY IN NO CONDITION TO DRIVE!
THE PLAY IS ENDED AT LAST... AND IT HAS BEEN A ROUSING SUCCESS!
A PITY THERE ARE NONE TO APPLAUD!
BUT, ALAS... THAT IS ONE OF THE PENALTIES OF A CRIMINAL CAREER...!
I MUST FOREGO THE OVATIONS... AND THE CHEERS!
THE TRIBUTE OF AN AUDIENCE SHALL FOREVER BE DENIED ME!
BUT, EVEN AS THE JOCULAR JESTER REACHES HIS ISOLATED INGLENOOK... 'TIS TIME FOR US TO TURN OUR ATTENTION ELSE-WHERE..!
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ATTENDEZ! THE LAW OFFICES OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, WHERE WE FIND OUR COLORFUL CREW MOURNING THE "DEATH" OF ONE MIKE MURDOCK...
MATT! HE WAS YOUR OWN BROTHER! HE DIED DEFENDING US!
HAVE YOU NOTHING TO SAY? CAN'T YOU EVEN PUT DOWN THAT BLASTED BRAILLE LAW BOOK FOR A MINUTE?
SORRY, FOGGY! ITS TOO LATE FOR TEARS... AND WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO!
MATT, I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD BE ...SO COLD-BLOODED!
IF THEY EVER SUSPECTED THAT THEY'RE MOURNING FOR SOMEONE WHO NEVER EVEN EXISTED--!
YOU THINK I'M UNFEELING? YOU THINK I DON'T CARE ABOUT MIKE?
HE WAS CLOSER TO ME THAN TO ANY OF YOU!
I CAN'T EVEN COUNT THE TIMES HE SAVED MY LIFE...AS DAREDEVIL!
WELL, AT LEAST IT'S NOT AN ACTUAL LIE!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE... THAT HE'S REALLY GONE... FOREVER!
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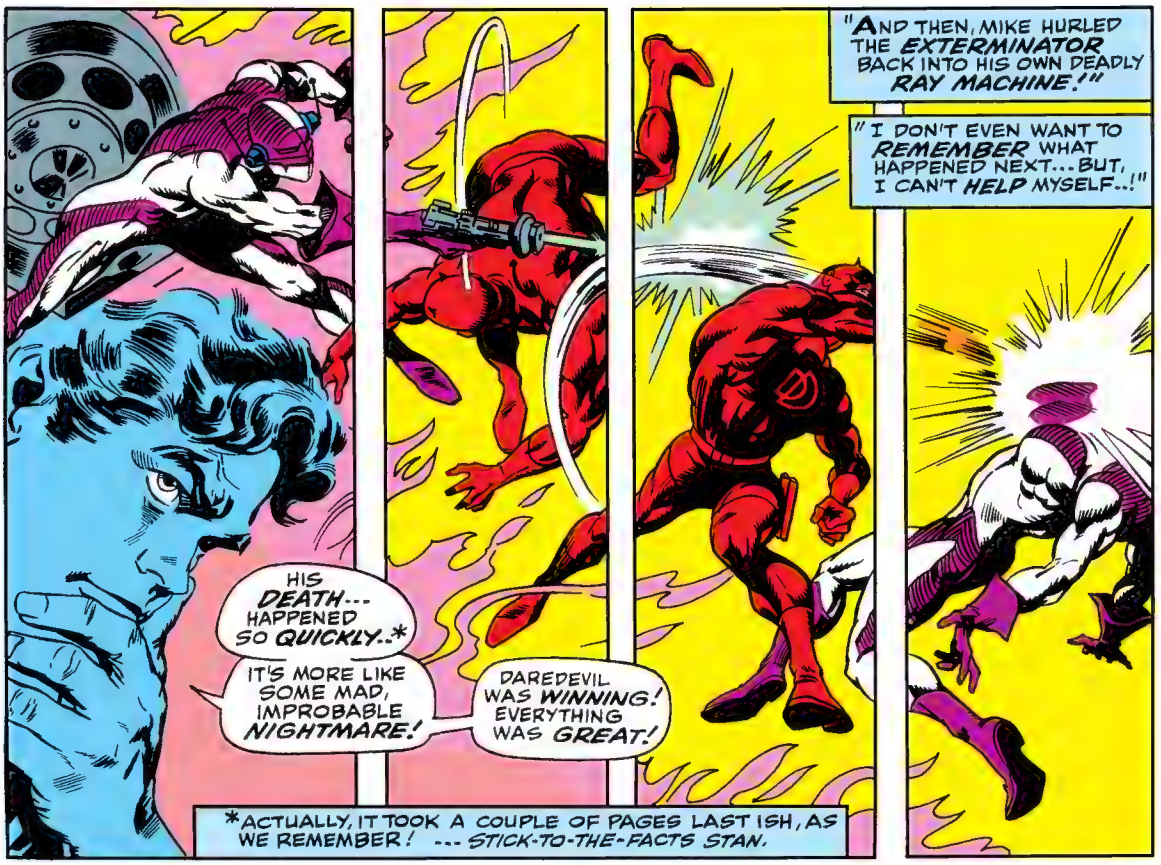
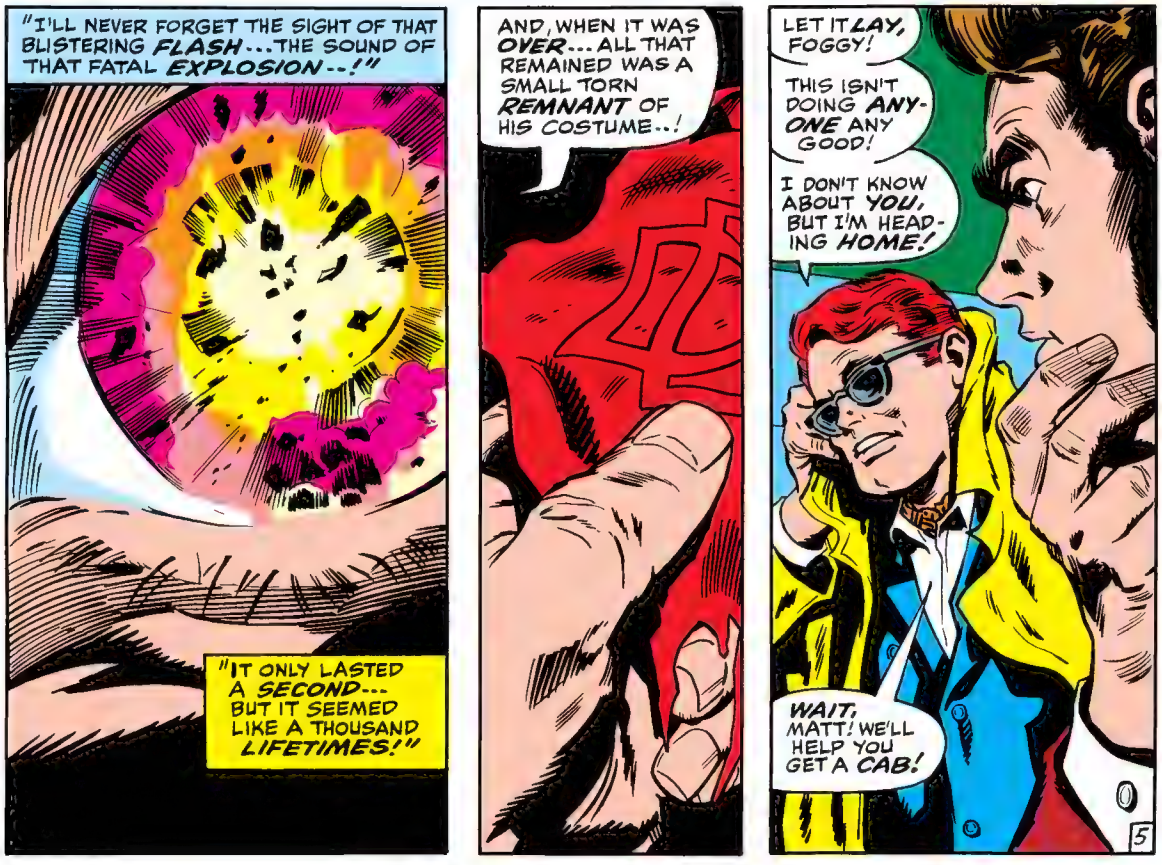

"AND THEN, MIKE HURLED THE EXTERMINATOR BACK INTO HIS OWN DEADLY RAY MACHINE!"
"I DON'T EVEN WANT TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED NEXT... BUT, I CAN'T HELP MYSELF..!"
HIS DEATH... HAPPENED SO QUICKLY..*
IT'S MORE LIKE SOME MAD, IMPROBABLE NIGHTMARE!
DAREDEVIL WAS WINNING! EVERYTHING WAS GREAT!
*ACTUALLY, IT TOOK A COUPLE OF PAGES LAST ISH, AS WE REMEMBER! --- STICK-TO-THE-FACTS STAN.


"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SIGHT OF THAT BLISTERING FLASH... THE SOUND OF THAT FATAL EXPLOSION--!"
"IT ONLY LASTED A SECOND--- BUT IT SEEMED LIKE A THOUSAND LIFETIMES!"
AND, WHEN IT WAS OVER... ALL THAT REMAINED WAS A SMALL TORN REMNANT OF HIS COSTUME..!
LET IT LAY, FOGGY!
THIS ISN'T DOING ANYONE ANY GOOD!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M HEADING HOME!
WAIT, MATT! WE'LL HELP YOU GET A CAB!
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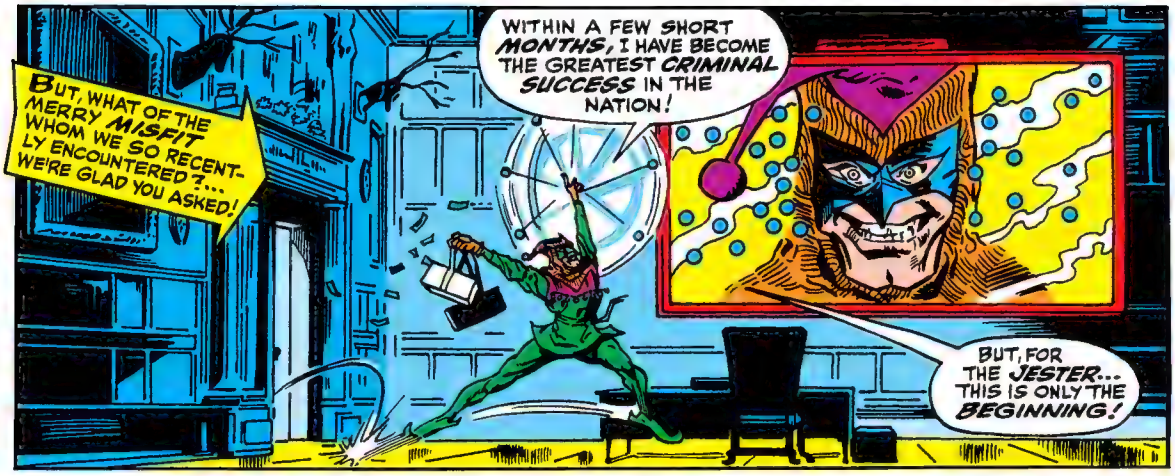
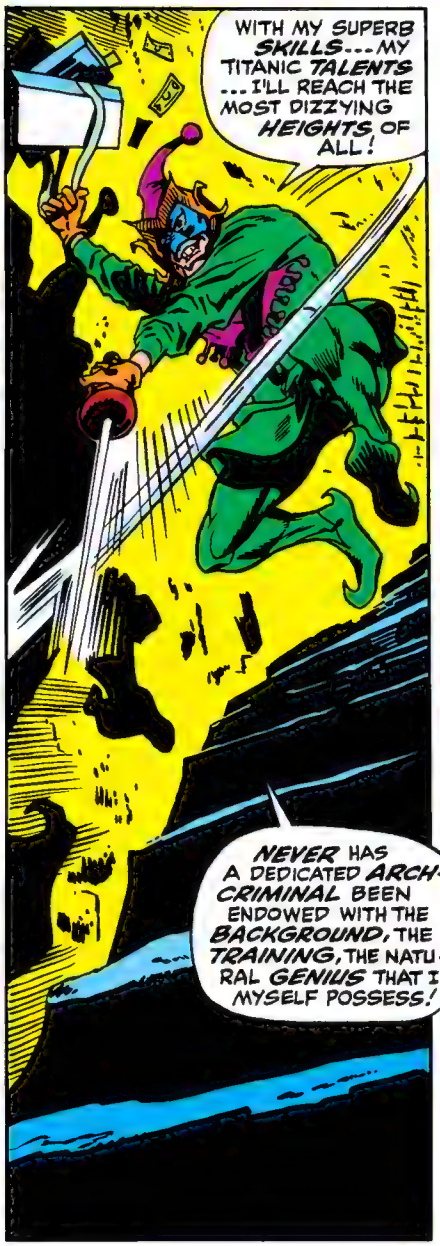
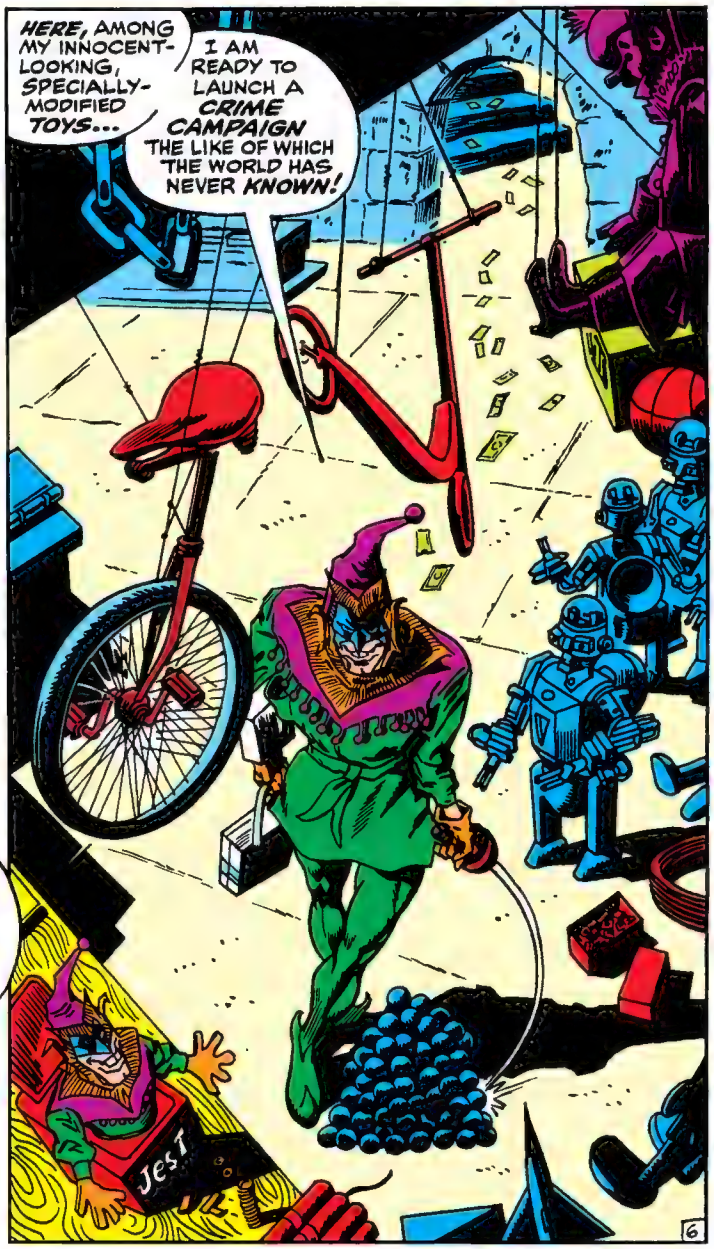

BUT, WHAT OF THE MERRY MISFIT WHOM WE SO RECENTLY ENCOUNTERED?... WE'RE GLAD YOU ASKED!
WITHIN A FEW SHORT MONTHS, I HAVE BECOME THE GREATEST CRIMINAL SUCCESS IN THE NATION!
BUT, FOR THE JESTER... THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!


WITH MY SUPERB SKILLS---MY TITANIC TALENTS ---I'LL REACH THE MOST DIZZYING HEIGHTS OF ALL!
NEVER HAS A DEDICATED ARCH-CRIMINAL BEEN ENDOWED WITH THE BACKGROUND, THE TRAINING, THE NATURAL GENIUS THAT I MYSELF POSSESS!


HERE, AMONG MY INNOCENT-LOOKING, SPECIALLY-MODIFIED TOYS...
I AM READY TO LAUNCH A CRIME CAMPAIGN THE LIKE OF WHICH THE WORLD HAS NEVER KNOWN!
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THE PUBLIC DESERVES THE FATE IT HAS IN STORE AT THE HANDS OF THE JESTER!
ALL I EVER REALLY WANTED WAS... APPLAUSE... THE APPLAUSE WHICH THEY EVER DENIED ME!
IT'S ALL HERE... IN MY SECRET SCRAP BOOK!
SCRAP BOOK
THE SCRAP BOOKS WHICH NONE BUT I SHALL EVER SEE!
PAGE AFTER PAGE... DEPICTING THE FAILURE OF MY FELLOW MEN TO RECOGNIZE THE GENIUS THAT WAS IN THEIR MIDST!
I HAD STUDIED FOR YEARS... I HAD SLAVED FOR YEARS... UNTIL FINALLY, I WON MY FIRST STARRING ROLE...!
I WAS CYRANO!! I WAS THE GREATEST CYRANO OF ALL TIME!
PLAYBILL
STARRING
JONATHAN POWERS
NANCY FOREMAN
PRODUCED BY
BUT THEY WERE JEALOUS OF ME! THEY WERE ENVIOUS OF ME!
THEY WERE TOO BLIND, TOO STUPID TO GIVE ME THE OVATION I DESERVED!
INSTEAD, THEY BOOED... THEY JEERED...
THEY TURNED MY NIGHT OF TRIUMPH INTO A TIME OF TORMENT!
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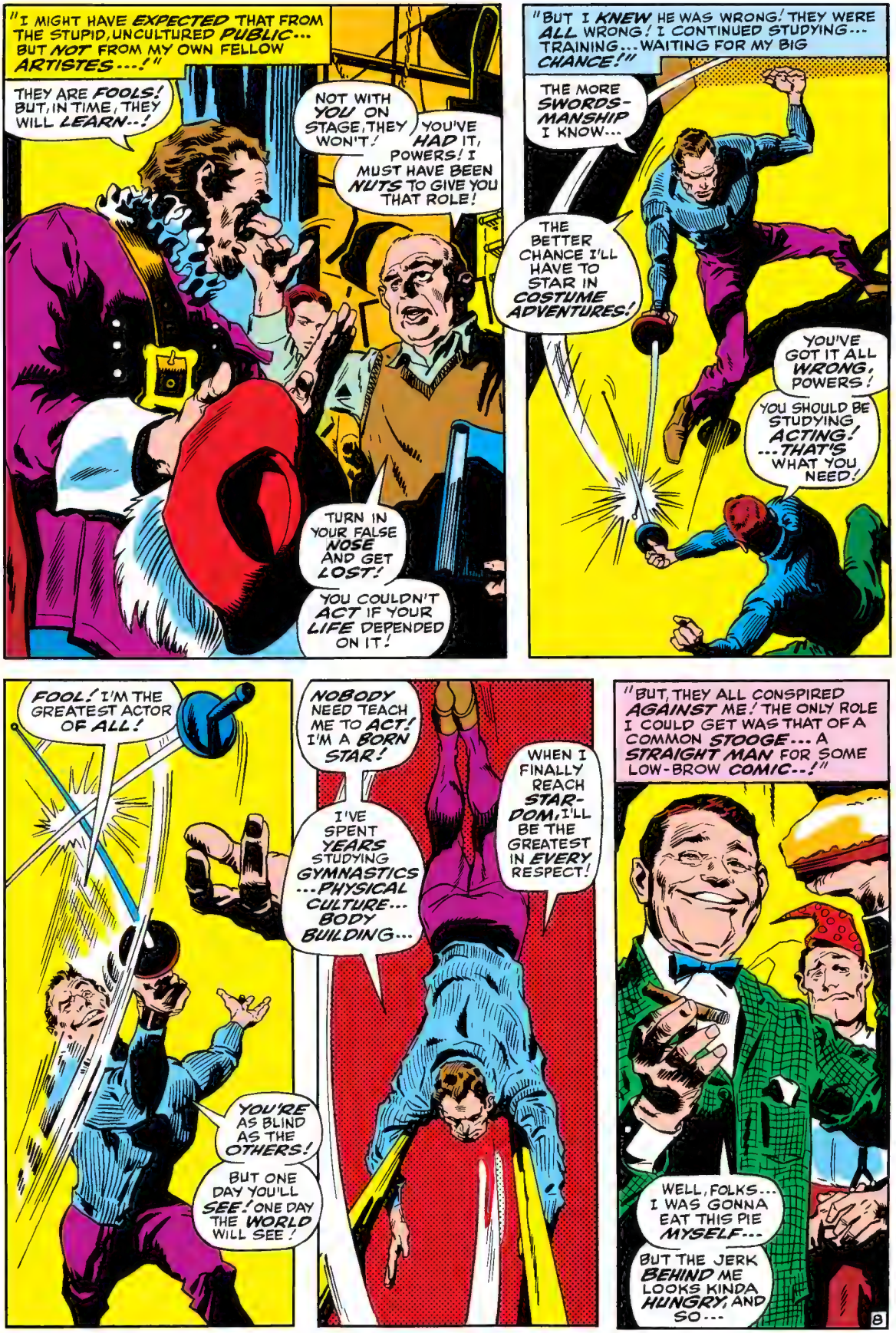
"I MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED THAT FROM THE STUPID, UNCULTURED PUBLIC... BUT NOT FROM MY OWN FELLOW ARTISTES...!"
THEY ARE FOOLS! BUT, IN TIME, THEY WILL LEARN--!
NOT WITH YOU ON STAGE, THEY WON'T!
YOU'VE HAD IT, POWERS! I MUST HAVE BEEN NUTS TO GIVE YOU THAT ROLE!
TURN IN YOUR FALSE NOSE AND GET LOST!
YOU COULDN'T ACT IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!
"BUT I KNEW HE WAS WRONG! THEY WERE ALL WRONG! I CONTINUED STUDYING... TRAINING... WAITING FOR MY BIG CHANCE!"
THE MORE SWORDS-MANSHIP I KNOW...
THE BETTER CHANCE I'LL HAVE TO STAR IN COSTUME ADVENTURES!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, POWERS!
YOU SHOULD BE STUDYING ACTING! ...THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED!
FOOL! I'M THE GREATEST ACTOR OF ALL!
YOU'RE AS BLIND AS THE OTHERS!
BUT ONE DAY YOU'LL SEE! ONE DAY THE WORLD WILL SEE!
NOBODY NEED TEACH ME TO ACT! I'M A BORN STAR!
I'VE SPENT YEARS STUDYING GYMNASTICS ...PHYSICAL CULTURE... BODY BUILDING...
WHEN I FINALLY REACH STAR-DOM, I'LL BE THE GREATEST IN EVERY RESPECT!
"BUT, THEY ALL CONSPIRED AGAINST ME! THE ONLY ROLE I COULD GET WAS THAT OF A COMMON STOOGE... A STRAIGHT MAN FOR SOME LOW-BROW COMIC--!"
WELL, FOLKS... I WAS GONNA EAT THIS PIE MYSELF...
BUT THE JERK BEHIND ME LOOKS KINDA HUNGRY, AND SO...
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I'LL LET HIM HAVE IT!
NEXT TIME OPEN YOUR MOUTH, CHARLIE!
GREAT! GREAT! DO IT AGAIN, TUBBY! DO IT AGAIN!
"DAY AFTER DAY IT WENT ON... SHOW AFTER SHOW... WITH THAT UNTUTORED OAF GETTING HIS LAUGHS BY HITTING ME IN THE FACE WITH THOSE COUNTLESS PIES!"
MORE! GIVE 'IM ANOTHER ONE!
DO IT AGAIN, TUBBY! AGAIN!!
I TOLD YOU TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH, CHARLIE!
"UNTIL ONE DAY... I COULD STAND IT NO LONGER..!"
GET YOURSELF ANOTHER STOOGE, YOU CHEAP, LOW-BROW LOUT!
IF LAUGHTER IS WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS...
LAUGHTER, AT THE EXPENSE OF SOMEONE ELSE...
THEN, I'M GOING TO PROVIDE IT FOR THEM!
...IN A MANNER THAT WILL MAKE ME THE GREATEST STAR OF ALL!
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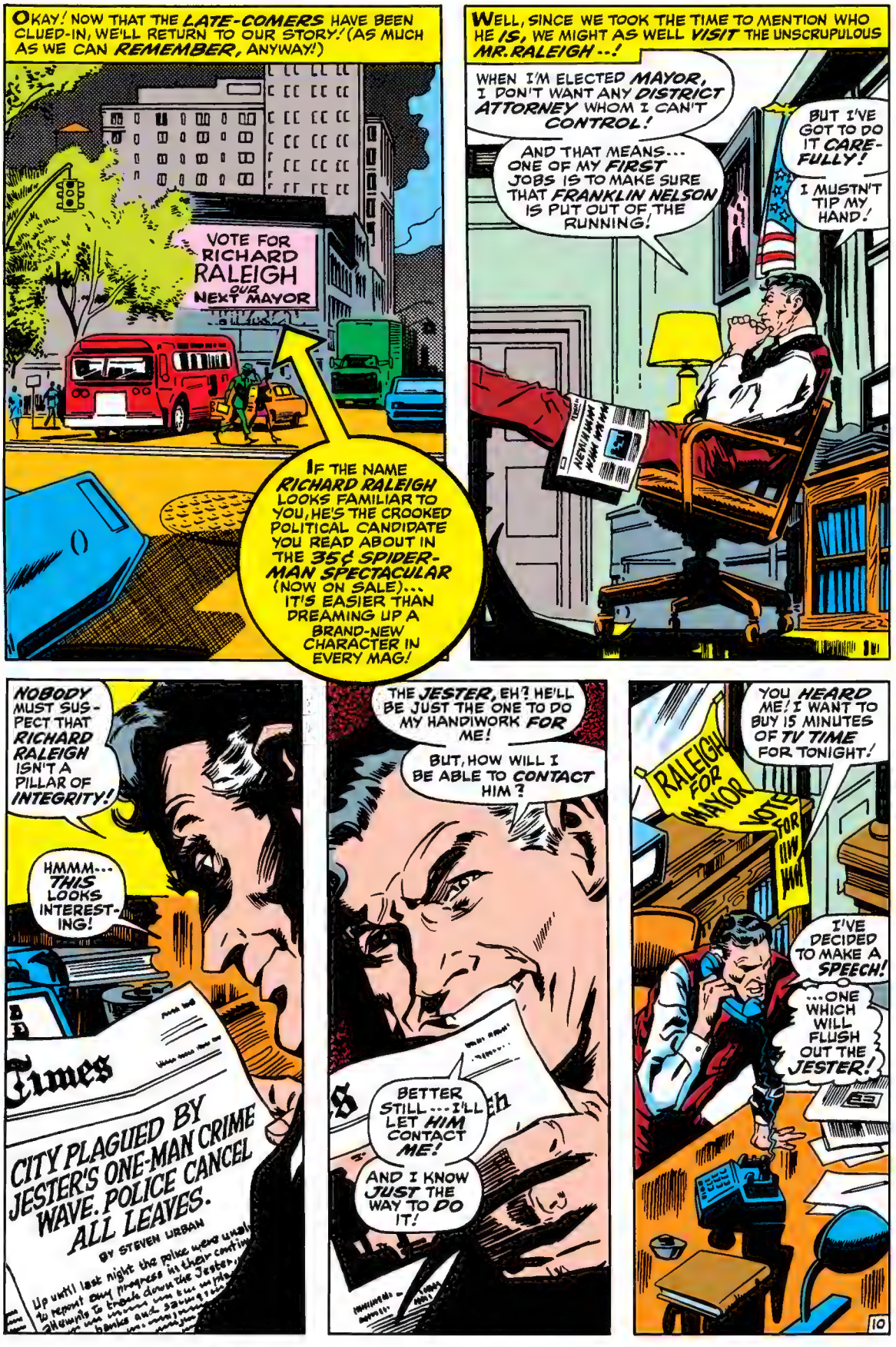
OKAY! NOW THAT THE LATE-COMERS HAVE BEEN CLUED-IN, WE'LL RETURN TO OUR STORY! (AS MUCH AS WE CAN REMEMBER, ANYWAY!)
VOTE FOR RICHARD RALEIGH OUR NEXT MAYOR
IF THE NAME RICHARD RALEIGH LOOKS FAMILIAR TO YOU, HE'S THE CROOKED POLITICAL CANDIDATE YOU READ ABOUT IN THE 35¢ SPIDER-MAN SPECTACULAR (NOW ON SALE)... IT'S EASIER THAN DREAMING UP A BRAND-NEW CHARACTER IN EVERY MAG!
WELL, SINCE WE TOOK THE TIME TO MENTION WHO HE IS, WE MIGHT AS WELL VISIT THE UNSCRUPULOUS MR. RALEIGH --!
WHEN I'M ELECTED MAYOR, I DON'T WANT ANY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHOM I CAN'T CONTROL!
AND THAT MEANS... ONE OF MY FIRST JOBS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT FRANKLIN NELSON IS PUT OUT OF THE RUNNING!
BUT I'VE GOT TO DO IT CAREFULLY!
I MUSTN'T TIP MY HAND!
NOBODY MUST SUSPECT THAT RICHARD RALEIGH ISN'T A PILLAR OF INTEGRITY!
HMMM... THIS LOOKS INTERESTING!
Times
CITY PLAGUED BY JESTER'S ONE-MAN CRIME WAVE. POLICE CANCEL ALL LEAVES.
BY STEVEN URBAN
THE JESTER, EH? HE'LL BE JUST THE ONE TO DO MY HANDIWORK FOR ME!
BUT, HOW WILL I BE ABLE TO CONTACT HIM?
BETTER STILL... I'LL LET HIM CONTACT ME!
AND I KNOW JUST THE WAY TO DO IT!
YOU HEARD ME! I WANT TO BUY 15 MINUTES OF TV TIME FOR TONIGHT!
RALEIGH FOR MAYOR
VOTE FOR RALEIGH
I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE A SPEECH!
...ONE WHICH WILL FLUSH OUT THE JESTER!
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THUS, LATER THAT NIGHT...
I SHALL NOT REST UNTIL THE JESTER IS SAFELY BEHIND BARS!
THAT IS MY PLEDGE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR BELOVED CITY!
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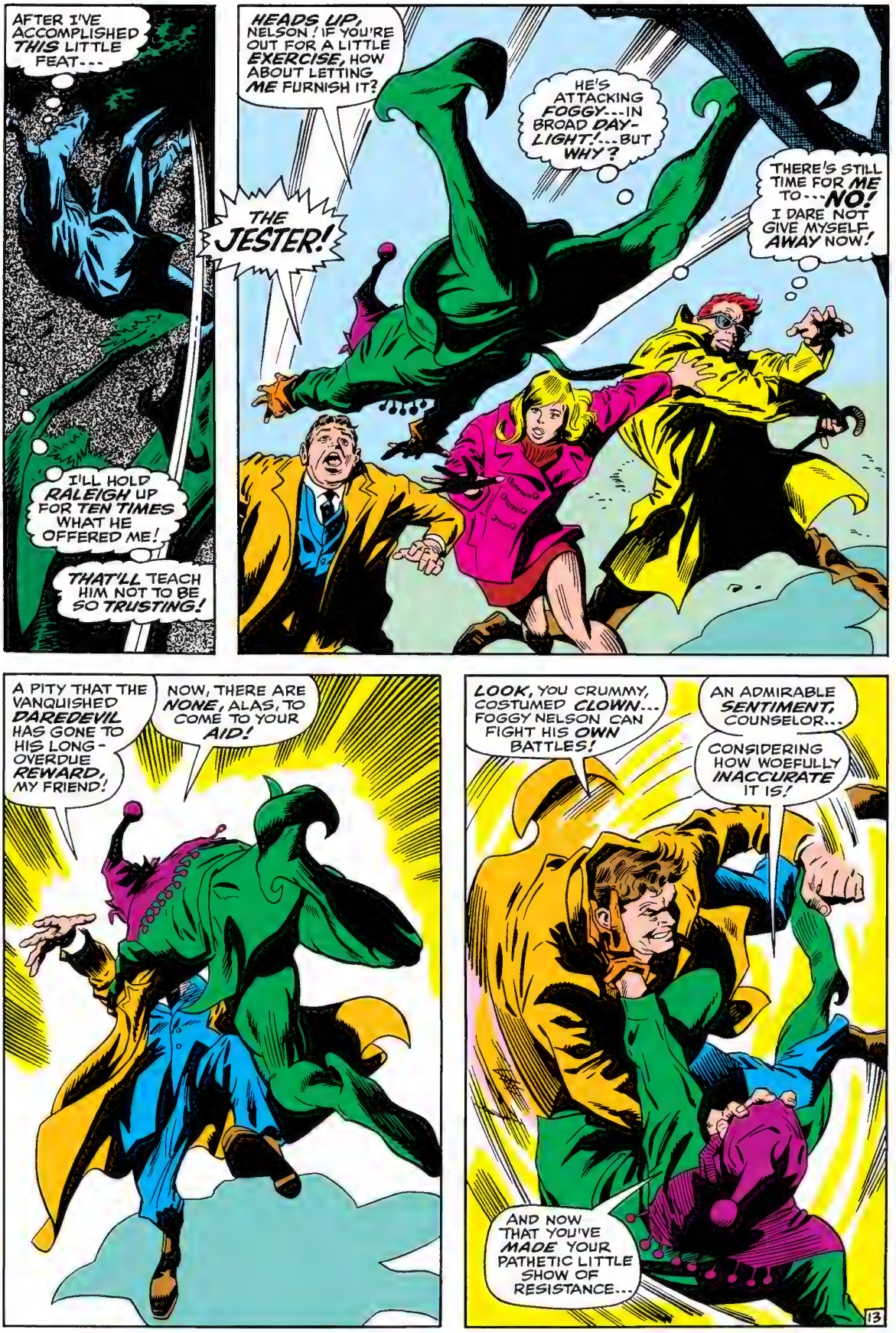
I HAVE DEVISED A PLAN WHICH IS CERTAIN TO CAPTURE THAT COWARDLY, COSTUMED CLOD!
RICHARD RALEIGH SHALL NOT FAIL!
DON'T BET ON THAT, FOOL!
DID HE THINK I'D ALLOW HIM TO THREATEN ME IN PUBLIC THAT WAY?
AFTER ALL, I HAVE MY IMAGE TO THINK OF...
I DON'T KNOW HIS HOME ADDRESS...
BUT I'LL BREAK INTO HIS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AND WAIT FOR HIM THERE!
THIS IS ONE TIME THAT THE JESTER CAN AFFORD TO BE PATIENT!
NOW, ALL I NEED DO IS...
RALEIGH!
YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME!
BUT SURELY YOU DON'T EXPECT A MERE REVOLVER TO HOLD THE UNPREDICTABLE JESTER AT BAY?
OF COURSE NOT, MY FRIEND!
I MERELY WANTED TO DELAY YOU LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER..
...WHICH WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO A MAN OF YOUR TALENTS!
11.

I WANT TO HIRE YOU... NOT CAPTURE YOU!
GET FRANKLIN NELSON OUT OF THE RACE FOR D.A. AND I'LL PAY YOU TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?
SOUNDS LIKE THE EASIEST TEN GRAND THAT'S EVER BEEN OFFERED!
THEN YOU'RE IN?
THE JESTER IS IN!
AND NOW, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN RUSH BACK TO FOGGY BEFORE THE JESTER REACHES HIM...
DEBBIE, WHEN I'M ELECTED D.A., THERE'S A LITTLE QUESTION I'M GONNA POP TO YOU!
YOU WOULDN'T BE PUTTING A LADY ON, WOULD YOU?
OH, MATT...IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE OUT WITH YOU THIS WAY... WITH NO CARES, NO PROBLEMS!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I SHOULD HAVE KILLED OFF MY DAREDEVIL IDENTITY LONG AGO!
HOW ABOUT THAT? IT LOOKS AS IF WE JUST MADE IT..!
THERE HE IS NOW!
THIS WILL BE EVEN EASIER THAN I EXPECTED!
THERE'S ONLY NELSON, TWO GIRLS, AND A BLIND MAN TO WORRY ABOUT!
AND, IF YOU'RE BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THIS IS WHERE THINGS START MOVING, GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS, HERO---!


AFTER I'VE ACCOMPLISHED THIS LITTLE FEAT---
I'LL HOLD RALEIGH UP FOR TEN TIMES WHAT HE OFFERED ME!
THAT'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO BE SO TRUSTING!
HEADS UP, NELSON! IF YOU'RE OUT FOR A LITTLE EXERCISE, HOW ABOUT LETTING ME FURNISH IT?
THE JESTER!
HE'S ATTACKING FOGGY---IN BROAD DAY-LIGHT!---BUT WHY?
THERE'S STILL TIME FOR ME TO---NO! I DARE NOT GIVE MYSELF AWAY NOW!
A PITY THAT THE VANQUISHED DAREDEVIL HAS GONE TO HIS LONG-OVERDUE REWARD, MY FRIEND!
NOW, THERE ARE NONE, ALAS, TO COME TO YOUR AID!
LOOK, YOU CRUMMY, COSTUMED CLOWN... FOGGY NELSON CAN FIGHT HIS OWN BATTLES!
AN ADMIRABLE SENTIMENT, COUNSELOR...
CONSIDERING HOW WOEFULLY INACCURATE IT IS!
AND NOW THAT YOU'VE MADE YOUR PATHETIC LITTLE SHOW OF RESISTANCE...
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ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE THE UTTER FOLLY OF YOUR FUTILE ACT!
ZOK!
BUT, THERE IS NO NEED TO CAUSE YOU FURTHER PHYSICAL INJURY!
I SEE A MUCH SIMPLER MEANS OF ACHIEVING MY OBJECTIVE..!
ALL I NEED DO IS HOLD YOUR SIGHTLESS FRIEND AS A HOSTAGE!
IF YOU EVER WISH TO SEE HIM ALIVE AGAIN...
TAKE YOURSELF OUT OF THE RACE FOR D.A.!
SO THAT'S WHAT'S YOU'RE AFTER!
FOGGY! PROMISE HIM ANYTHING!
DON'T LET MATT BE HARMED!
HE'S GOT MY CANE!
HE MUSTN'T LEARN ITS SECRET..!
I'LL HAVE TO BECOME DAREDEVIL AGAIN--- SOON AS I GET THE CHANCE!
BUT FOGGY AND KAREN THINK MIKE IS DEAD!
BETTER TALK FAST, MATTHEW!
YES! THE ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL WAS KILLED...BUT HE TRAINED SOMEONE ELSE---TO TAKE HIS PLACE!
HE NEVER TOLD ANYONE HIS IDENTITY... BUT HE'LL BE SHOWING UP ANY TIME NOW!
YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE, JESTER..!
DAREDEVIL IS STILL ON THE SCENE! JUST WAIT AND SEE!
IT'S HOPELESS, MURDOCK! WE ALL KNOW THAT HE'S BEEN KILLED!
THEY DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT...
BUT AT LEAST I'VE PLANTED THE SEED!
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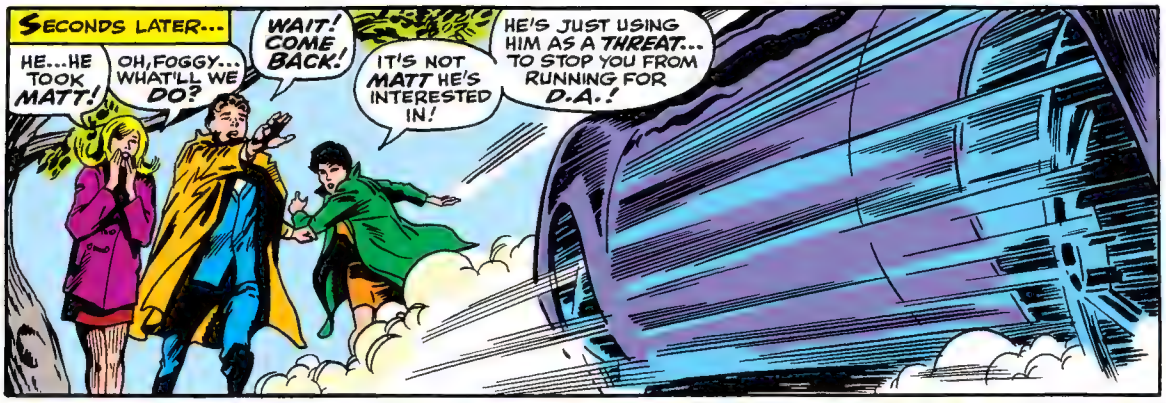
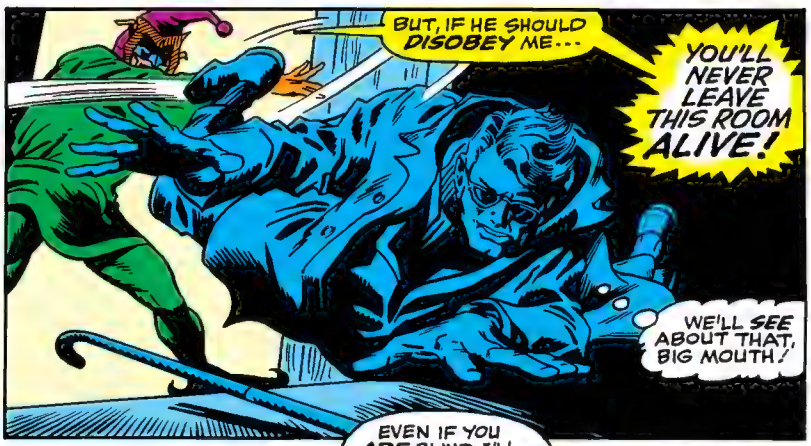
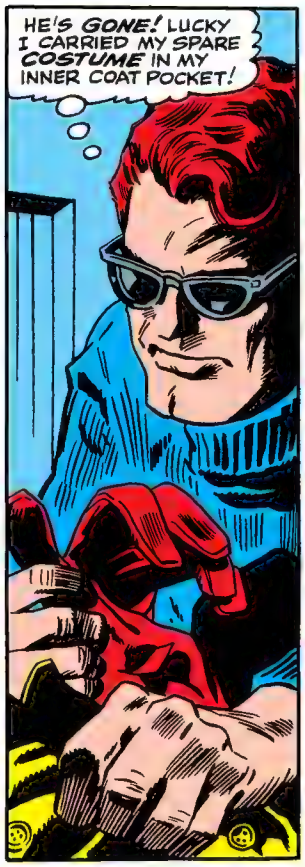
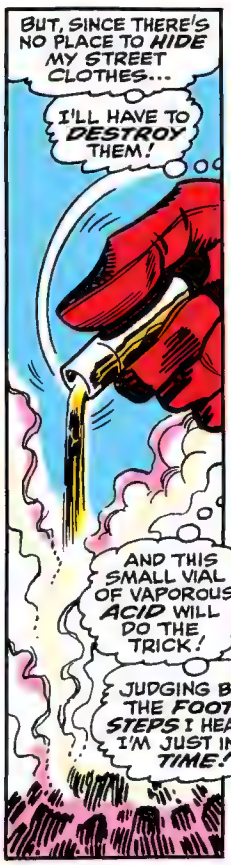

SECONDS LATER...
HE...HE TOOK MATT!
OH, FOGGY... WHAT'LL WE DO?
WAIT! COME BACK!
IT'S NOT MATT HE'S INTERESTED IN!
HE'S JUST USING HIM AS A THREAT... TO STOP YOU FROM RUNNING FOR D.A.!

DON'T WORRY, MURDOCK... NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU!
...SO LONG AS NELSON DOES AS I ORDERED!


BUT, IF HE SHOULD DISOBEY ME...
YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS ROOM ALIVE!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, BIG MOUTH!


HE'S GONE! LUCKY I CARRIED MY SPARE COSTUME IN MY INNER COAT POCKET!


BUT, SINCE THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE MY STREET CLOTHES...
I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY THEM!
AND THIS SMALL VIAL OF VAPOROUS ACID WILL DO THE TRICK!
JUDGING BY THE FOOT-STEPS I HEAR... I'M JUST IN TIME!

EVEN IF YOU ARE BLIND, I'LL PLAY IT SAFE BY TYING YOU UP, AND... UMMPHH!..
YOU'RE TOO LATE, CHUM! I'VE ALREADY GOTTEN MURDOCK SAFELY OUT OF HERE!
BUT YOU CAN TRY TYING ME... JUST FOR KICKS!
DARE-DEVIL! BUT... HOW??
THAT'S MY SECRET, SWEETIE!

OH MAN... IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN ACTION AGAIN!
BUT I MUST BE STALE...
HE DUCKED UNDER ME AND SENT ME SPRAWLING INTO A PILE OF TOYS!
TOYS?!!
SO! MURDOCK WAS RIGHT!
THERE IS ANOTHER DAREDEVIL!
BUT YOU ARE FAR CLUMSIER THAN YOUR PREDECESSOR!
AND EVEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO MATCH FOR THE UNBEATABLE JESTER!
THE SOUND OF A NAKED BLADE THRASHING THRU THE AIR!
CAREFUL, SONNY! I DIDN'T BRING ANY BAND-AIDS WITH ME!
YOU ARE MOST ELUSIVE, DAREDEVIL...
BUT YOU CANNOT DODGE MY THRUSTS MUCH LONGER!
I DON'T INTEND TO, CHARLIE!
SERVING AS SOME ODDBALL'S TARGET FOR TONIGHT ISN'T EXACTLY THE WAY I GET MY JOLLIES, PAL!
HE'S A REAL PRO! HE ROLLED WITH MY KICK LIKE A MASTER TUMBLER!
THE ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD TEACHER!
BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH!
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HE BACK-FLIPPED HIMSELF INTO ANOTHER FIGHTING STANCE WITHOUT A SINGLE WASTED MOTION!
GETTING WORRIED, DAREDEVIL?
JUST BETWEEN US, YOU SHOULD BE!
FACE IT, MATTHEW... YOU'VE GOT A JOB CUT OUT FOR YOU!
IT'S A LUCKY THING HE LEFT ME MY BILLY-CLUB CANE... 'CAUSE I'M GONNA NEED IT!
SURE, TWINKLE-TOES... I'M SHAKING LIKE A LEAF!
BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT SHOWED!
NOW TO SEE HOW HE DOES WITHOUT HIS SWORD!
INDEED? THEN THIS IS ONE EXAM YOU ARE DESTINED TO ABYSMALLY FLUNK!
WHUFFF!
DON'T PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK TOO HARD!
THAT SWORD YOU SNARED WAS MERELY A PROP!
I SIMPLY USED IT TO TOY WITH YOU...TO TEST YOUR METTLE!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE A COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM, JESTY!
THWIK!
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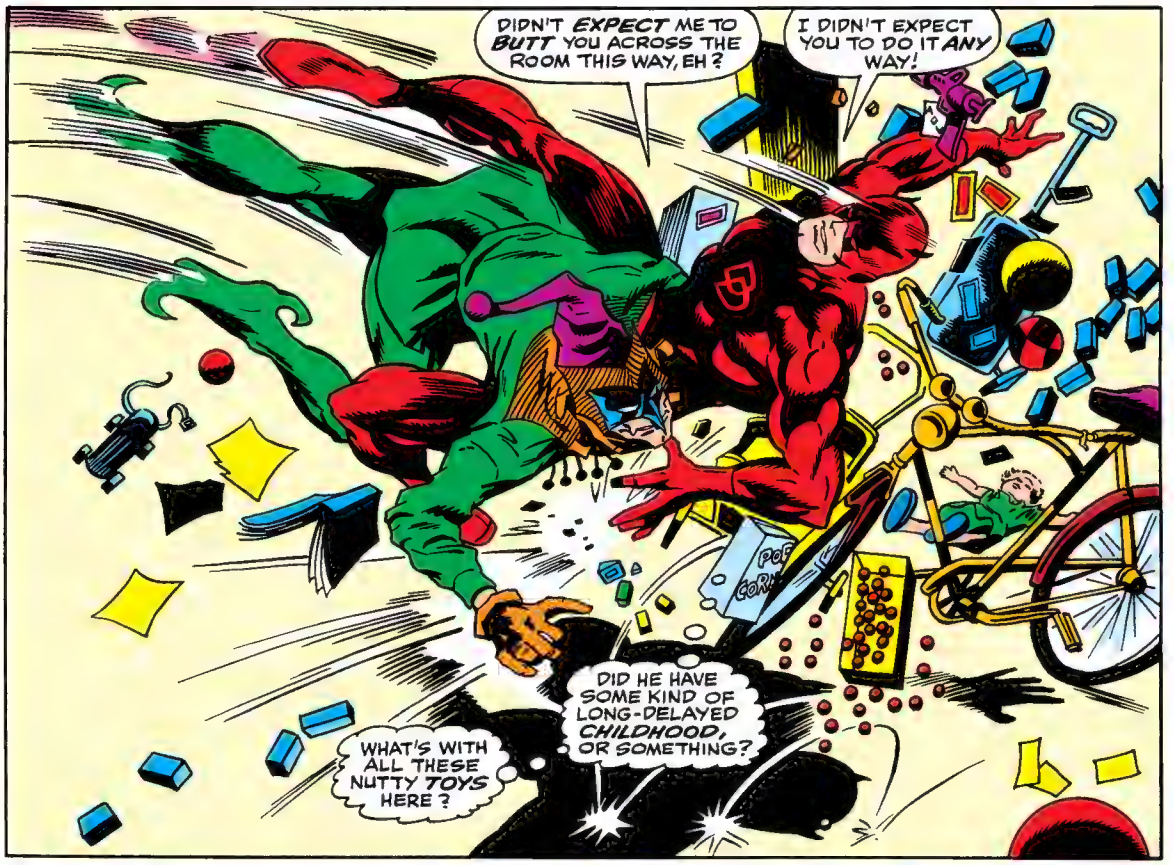
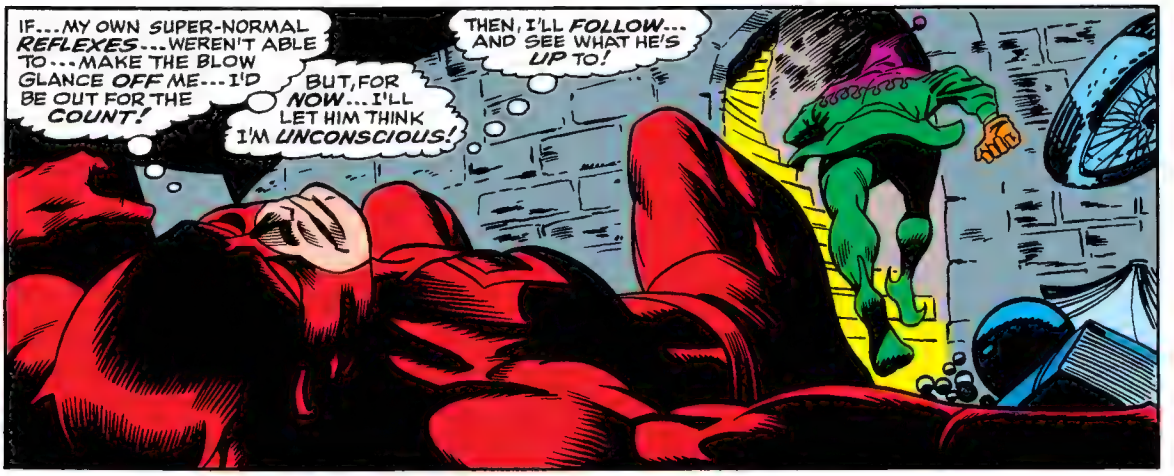
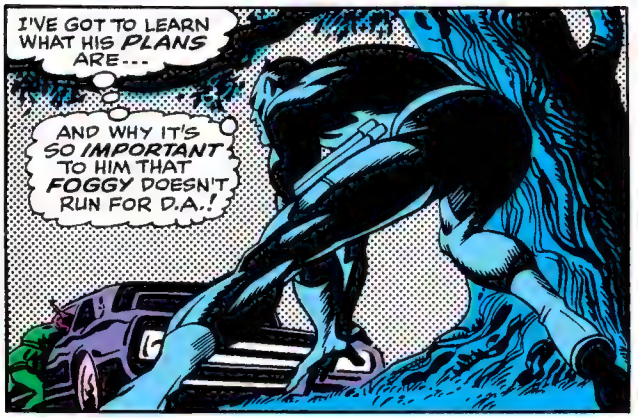

DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO BUTT YOU ACROSS THE ROOM THIS WAY, EH?
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO DO IT ANY WAY!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE NUTTY TOYS HERE?
DID HE HAVE SOME KIND OF LONG-DELAYED CHILDHOOD, OR SOMETHING?

AND NOW... I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE JESTER'S UNEXPECTED STRENGTH!
IF IT'S ALL THE SAME TO YOU, I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!
AM I JUST RUSTY, OR IS HE ACTUALLY MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ME?

BECAUSE OF YOUR UNTOWARD INTERFERENCE, I'LL HAVE TO FORMULATE A NEW ATTACK AGAINST FRANKLIN NELSON!
I TRUST I'VE MADE MY POINT, YOU MEDDLING FOOL!
AND THE JESTER DOES NOT APPRECIATE BEING COMPELLED TO CHANGE HIS PLANS!
THOK!


IF...MY OWN SUPER-NORMAL REFLEXES...WEREN'T ABLE TO...MAKE THE BLOW GLANCE OFF ME...I'D BE OUT FOR THE COUNT!
BUT, FOR NOW... I'LL LET HIM THINK I'M UNCONSCIOUS!
THEN, I'LL FOLLOW... AND SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!

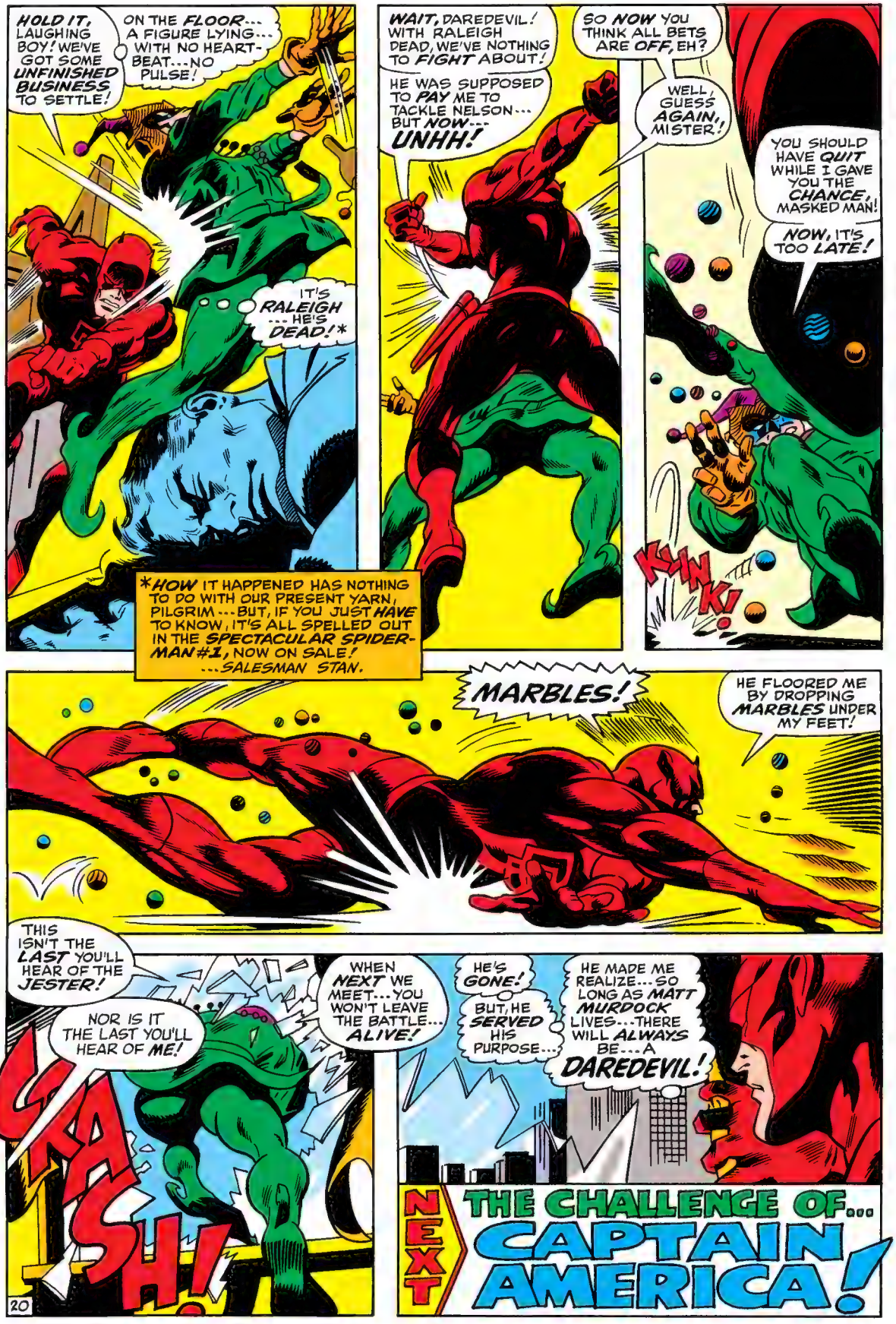

I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHAT HIS PLANS ARE...
AND WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO HIM THAT FOGGY DOESN'T RUN FOR D.A.!

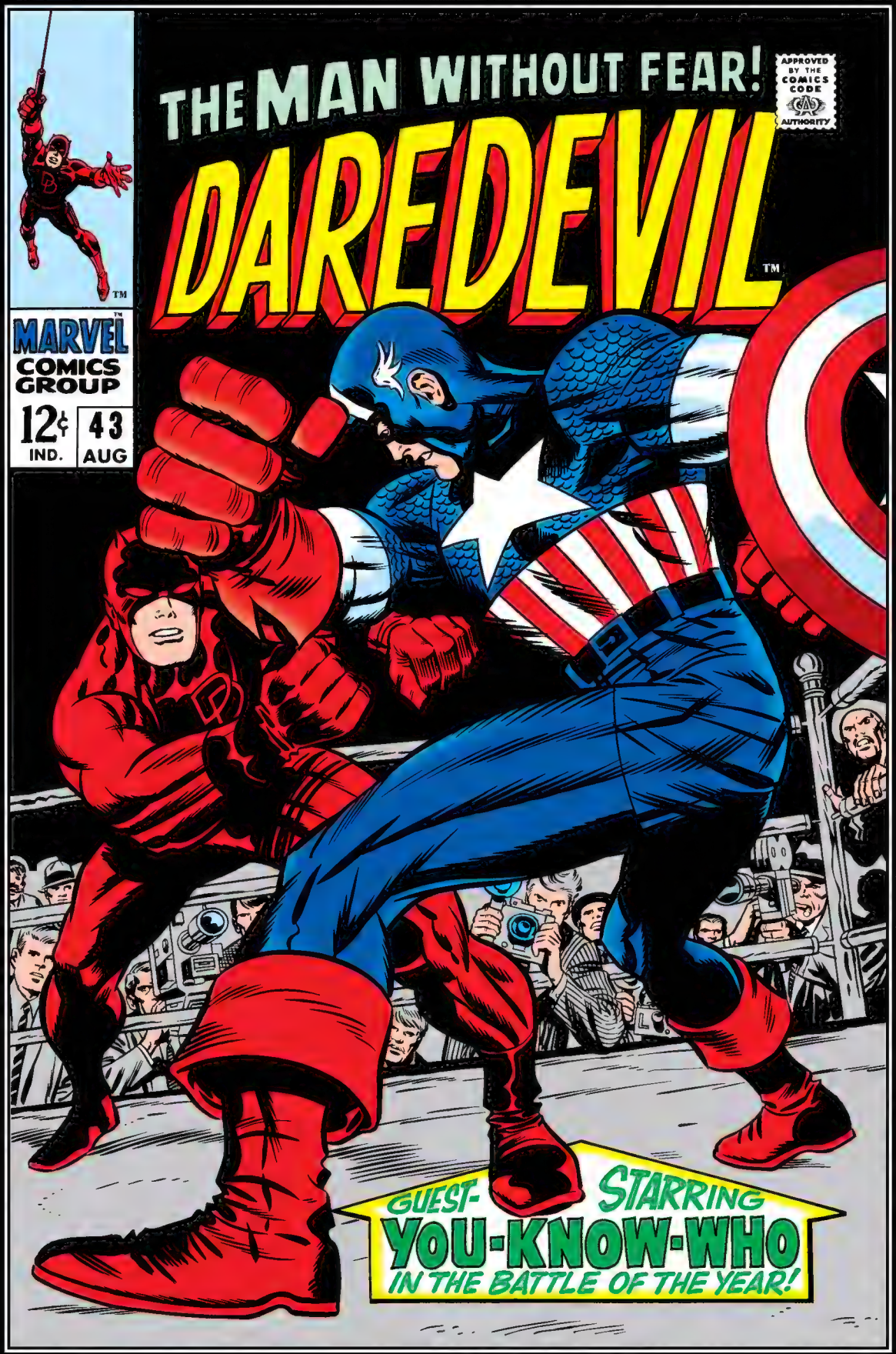
LUCKY HE'S GUNNING HIS ENGINE SO HARD...
HE'S NOT APT TO HEAR ME LAND ON MY CUSHION-SOLED LITTLE BOOTIES!

A SHORT TIME LATER... AT THE PRIVATE, REAR ENTRANCE TO RICHARD RALEIGH'S SANCTUM SANCTORUM...
THERE'S NOTHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS BUILDING! I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE!
BUT, JUDGING BY HIS SWIFT AND UNHESITATING COURSE, THE JESTER KNOWS HIS WAY AROUND!
BUT WHO CAN HE BE LOOKING FOR...AND WHY?

RALEIGH! OPEN UP, BLAST IT! I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE!
THE JESTER ISN'T USED TO COOLING HIS HEELS OUTSIDE!
RAP
RAP
RAP
YOU NEVER WARNED ME THAT I'D HAVE TO CONTEND WITH DAREDEVIL ON THIS CAPER!

RALEIGH? HE MUST MEAN THE NEW PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR!
IT BEGINS TO ADD UP! IF RALEIGH'S CROOKED, HE WOULDN'T WANT SOMEONE AS INCORRUPTIBLE AS FOGGY TO BE HIS D.A.!
BUT, I HEAR NO SIGNS OF LIFE BEHIND THAT DOOR!
UH OH! THE JESTER'S BREAKING IN..!


HOLD IT, LAUGHING BOY! WE'VE GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO SETTLE!
ON THE FLOOR... A FIGURE LYING... WITH NO HEART-BEAT...NO PULSE!
IT'S RALEIGH ...HE'S DEAD!*
*HOW IT HAPPENED HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR PRESENT YARN, PILGRIM...BUT, IF YOU JUST HAVE TO KNOW, IT'S ALL SPELLED OUT IN THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #1, NOW ON SALE! ...SALESMAN STAN.
WAIT, DAREDEVIL! WITH RALEIGH DEAD, WE'VE NOTHING TO FIGHT ABOUT!
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY ME TO TACKLE NELSON... BUT NOW... UNHH!
SO NOW YOU THINK ALL BETS ARE OFF, EH?
WELL, GUESS AGAIN, MISTER!
YOU SHOULD HAVE QUIT WHILE I GAVE YOU THE CHANCE, MASKED MAN!
NOW, IT'S TOO LATE!
KLINK!
MARBLES!
HE FLOORED ME BY DROPPING MARBLES UNDER MY FEET!
THIS ISN'T THE LAST YOU'LL HEAR OF THE JESTER!
NOR IS IT THE LAST YOU'LL HEAR OF ME!
WHEN NEXT WE MEET...YOU WON'T LEAVE THE BATTLE... ALIVE!
CRASH!
HE'S GONE!
BUT, HE SERVED HIS PURPOSE...
HE MADE ME REALIZE...SO LONG AS MATT MURDOCK LIVES...THERE WILL ALWAYS BE...A DAREDEVIL!
NEXT
THE CHALLENGE OF... CAPTAIN AMERICA!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GUEST-STARRING
YOU-KNOW-WHO
IN THE BATTLE OF THE YEAR!

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
"IN COMBAT WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA!"
IT'S WRONG-- ALL WRONG!
AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT!
THWANNG!
SPANNG!
IN HIS PRIVATE, HIDDEN GYM, A SEETHING, SIGHTLESS SUPER-HERO GIVES VENT TO HIS FEELINGS OF SAVAGE RAGE AND HELPLESS FRUSTRATION--IN THE ONLY WAY HE CAN!
BUT WHY THIS MOOD OF BLEAK DESPAIR? LET'S FIND OUT--
TWANG!
ANOTHER AWESOME EPIC BY:
STAN (THE MAN) LEE
GENE (and THE DEAN) COLAN
INKING: VINCE COLLETTA
LETTERING: ARTIE SIMEK

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THE ONLY GIRL I'VE EVER LOVED-- THE ONLY GIRL WHO'S EVER MEANT ANYTHING TO ME--
AND NOW SHE'S GONE!
I'VE LOST HER-- FOREVER!
AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET KAREN BACK!
SHE KNOWS I LOVE HER--SHE MUST KNOW IT!
A GIRL CAN SENSE A FEELING LIKE THAT!
BUT SHE THINKS I WON'T ADMIT IT-- BECAUSE OF MY BLINDNESS!
AND I DARE NOT TELL HER-- THE OTHER REASON--!
SPANG!
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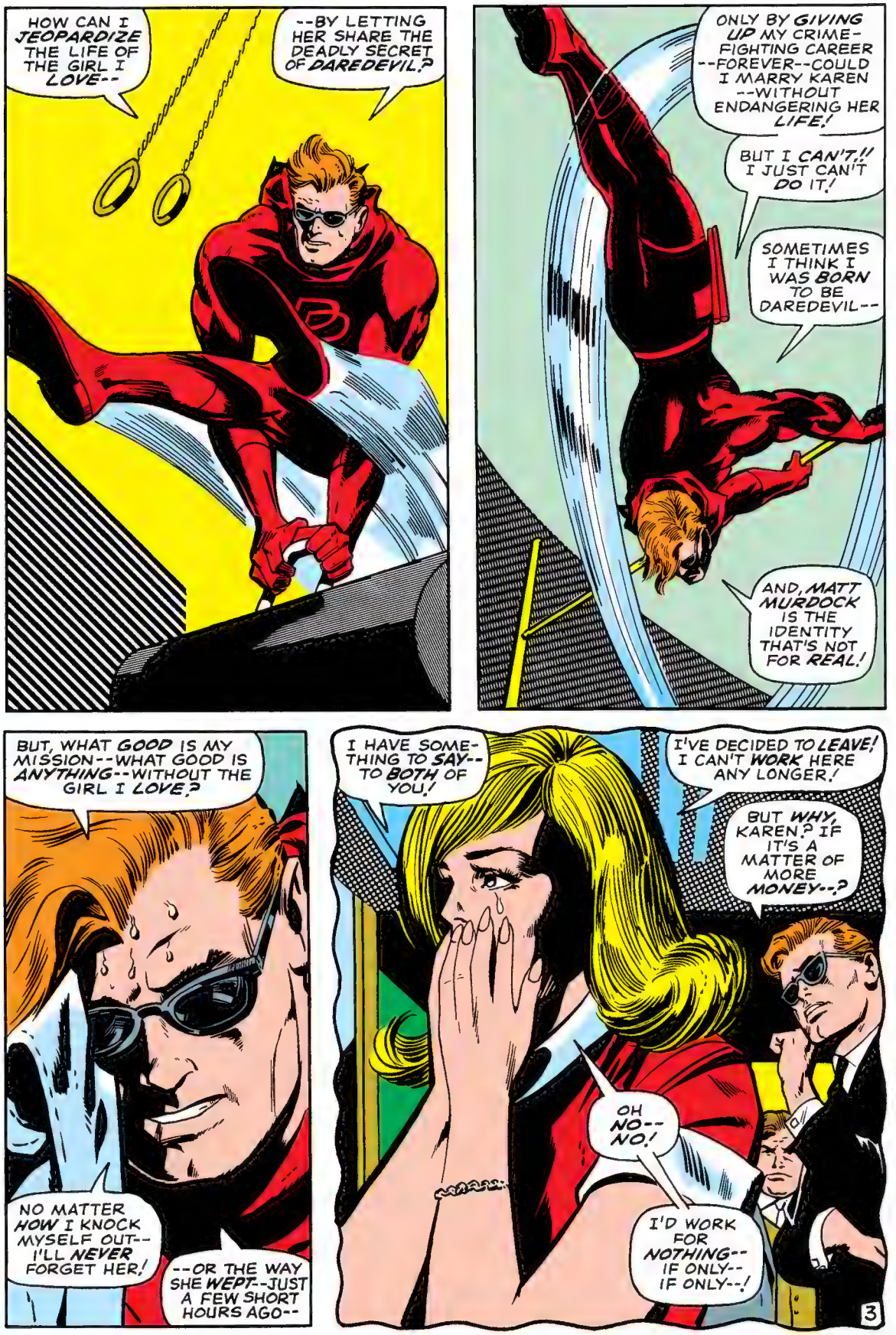
HOW CAN I JEOPARDIZE THE LIFE OF THE GIRL I LOVE--
--BY LETTING HER SHARE THE DEADLY SECRET OF DAREDEVIL?
ONLY BY GIVING UP MY CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER --FOREVER--COULD I MARRY KAREN --WITHOUT ENDANGERING HER LIFE!
BUT I CAN'T!! I JUST CAN'T DO IT!
SOMETIMES I THINK I WAS BORN TO BE DAREDEVIL--
AND, MATT MURDOCK IS THE IDENTITY THAT'S NOT FOR REAL!
BUT, WHAT GOOD IS MY MISSION--WHAT GOOD IS ANYTHING--WITHOUT THE GIRL I LOVE?
NO MATTER HOW I KNOCK MYSELF OUT-- I'LL NEVER FORGET HER!
--OR THE WAY SHE WEPT--JUST A FEW SHORT HOURS AGO--
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY-- TO BOTH OF YOU!
I'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE! I CAN'T WORK HERE ANY LONGER!
BUT WHY, KAREN? IF IT'S A MATTER OF MORE MONEY--?
OH NO-- NO!
I'D WORK FOR NOTHING-- IF ONLY-- IF ONLY--!
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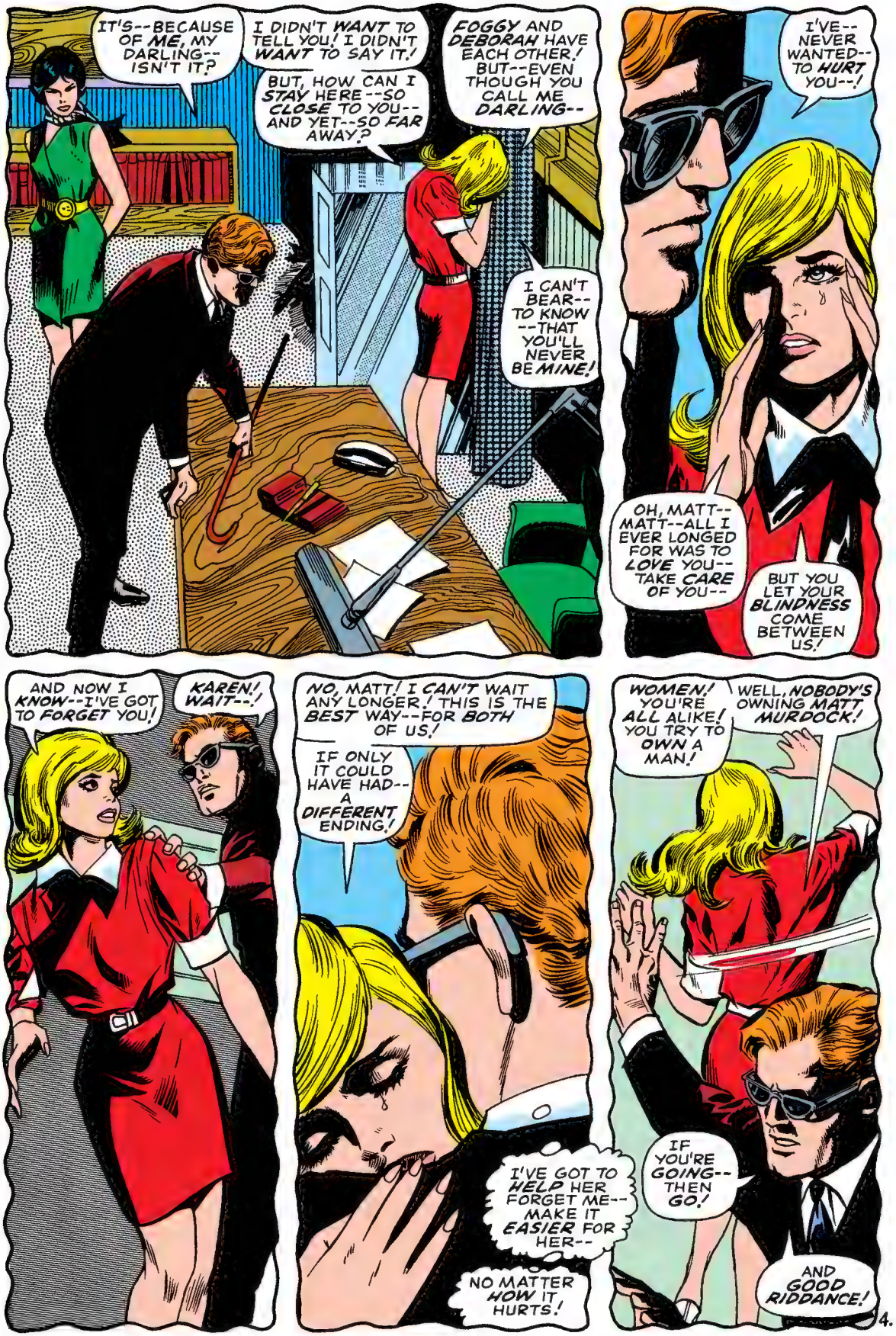
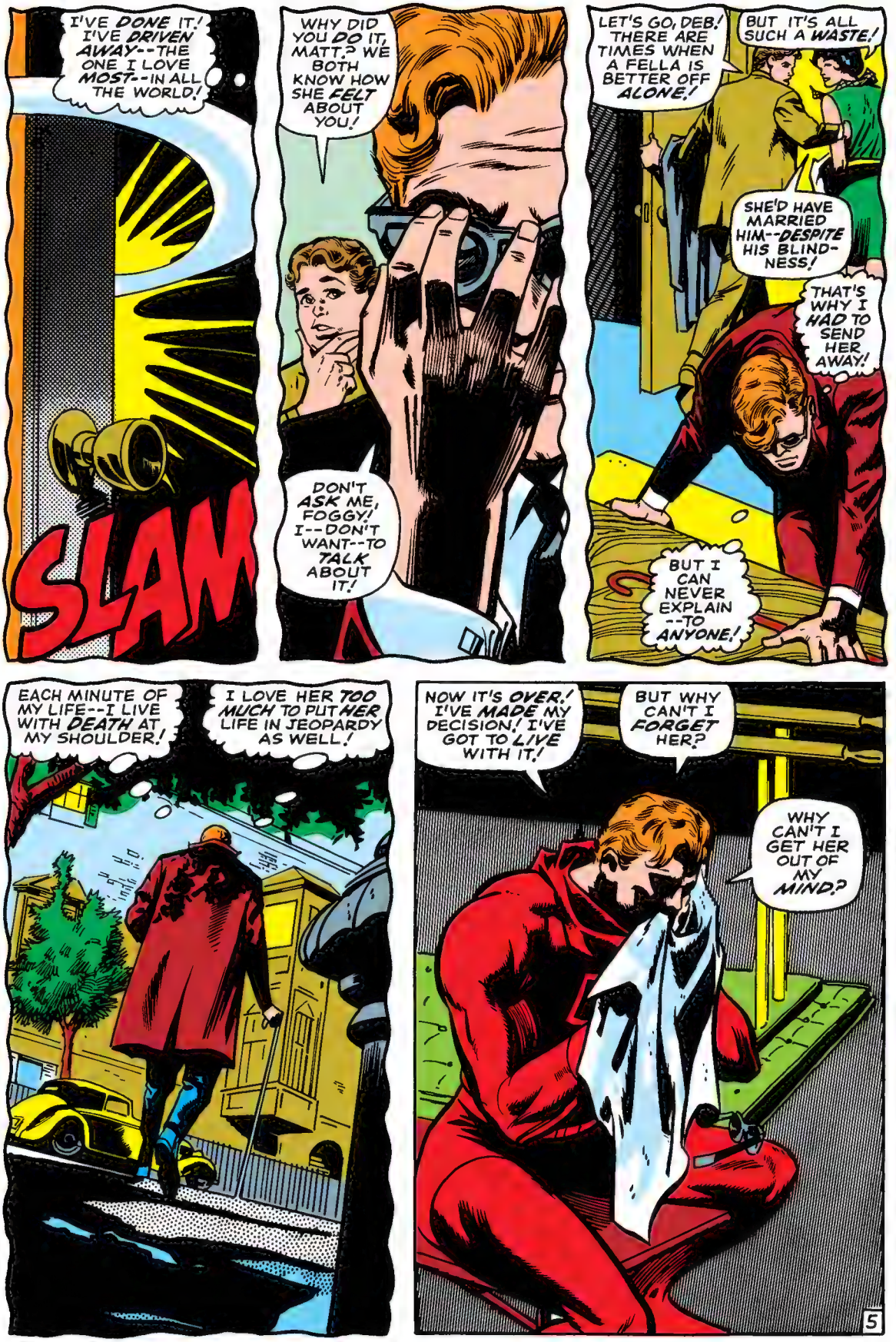

IT'S--BECAUSE OF ME, MY DARLING--ISN'T IT?
I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU! I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY IT!
BUT, HOW CAN I STAY HERE--SO CLOSE TO YOU--AND YET--SO FAR AWAY?
FOGGY AND DEBORAH HAVE EACH OTHER! BUT--EVEN THOUGH YOU CALL ME DARLING--
I CAN'T BEAR--TO KNOW--THAT YOU'LL NEVER BE MINE!
I'VE--NEVER WANTED--TO HURT YOU--!
OH, MATT--MATT--ALL I EVER LONGED FOR WAS TO LOVE YOU--TAKE CARE OF YOU--
BUT YOU LET YOUR BLINDNESS COME BETWEEN US!
AND NOW I KNOW--I'VE GOT TO FORGET YOU!
KAREN! WAIT--!
NO, MATT! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! THIS IS THE BEST WAY--FOR BOTH OF US!
IF ONLY IT COULD HAVE HAD--A DIFFERENT ENDING!
I'VE GOT TO HELP HER FORGET ME--MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER--
NO MATTER HOW IT HURTS!
WOMEN! YOU'RE ALL ALIKE! YOU TRY TO OWN A MAN!
WELL, NOBODY'S OWNING MATT MURDOCK!
IF YOU'RE GOING--THEN GO!
AND GOOD RIDDANCE!


I'VE DONE IT! I'VE DRIVEN AWAY--THE ONE I LOVE MOST--IN ALL THE WORLD!
SLAM
WHY DID YOU DO IT, MATT.? WE BOTH KNOW HOW SHE FELT ABOUT YOU!
DON'T ASK ME, FOGGY! I--DON'T WANT--TO TALK ABOUT IT!
LET'S GO, DEB! THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A FELLA IS BETTER OFF ALONE!
BUT IT'S ALL SUCH A WASTE!
SHE'D HAVE MARRIED HIM--DESPITE HIS BLINDNESS!
THAT'S WHY I HAD TO SEND HER AWAY!
BUT I CAN NEVER EXPLAIN --TO ANYONE!
EACH MINUTE OF MY LIFE--I LIVE WITH DEATH AT MY SHOULDER!
I LOVE HER TOO MUCH TO PUT HER LIFE IN JEOPARDY AS WELL!
NOW IT'S OVER! I'VE MADE MY DECISION! I'VE GOT TO LIVE WITH IT!
BUT WHY CAN'T I FORGET HER?
WHY CAN'T I GET HER OUT OF MY MIND?
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WHY HAS THE IDENTITY OF DAREDEVIL BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE?
NUTS!
WHAT AM I QUESTIONING MYSELF FOR?
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE-- AND THERE'S NO TURN-ING BACK!
I WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE A BLASTED CASANOVA!
SPLAT!
I'M A RED-HOT, SWINGIN' SUPERHERO-- AND THAT'S THE WAY I WANT IT!
YEAH--
THAT'S THE WAY--
--I WANT IT....!
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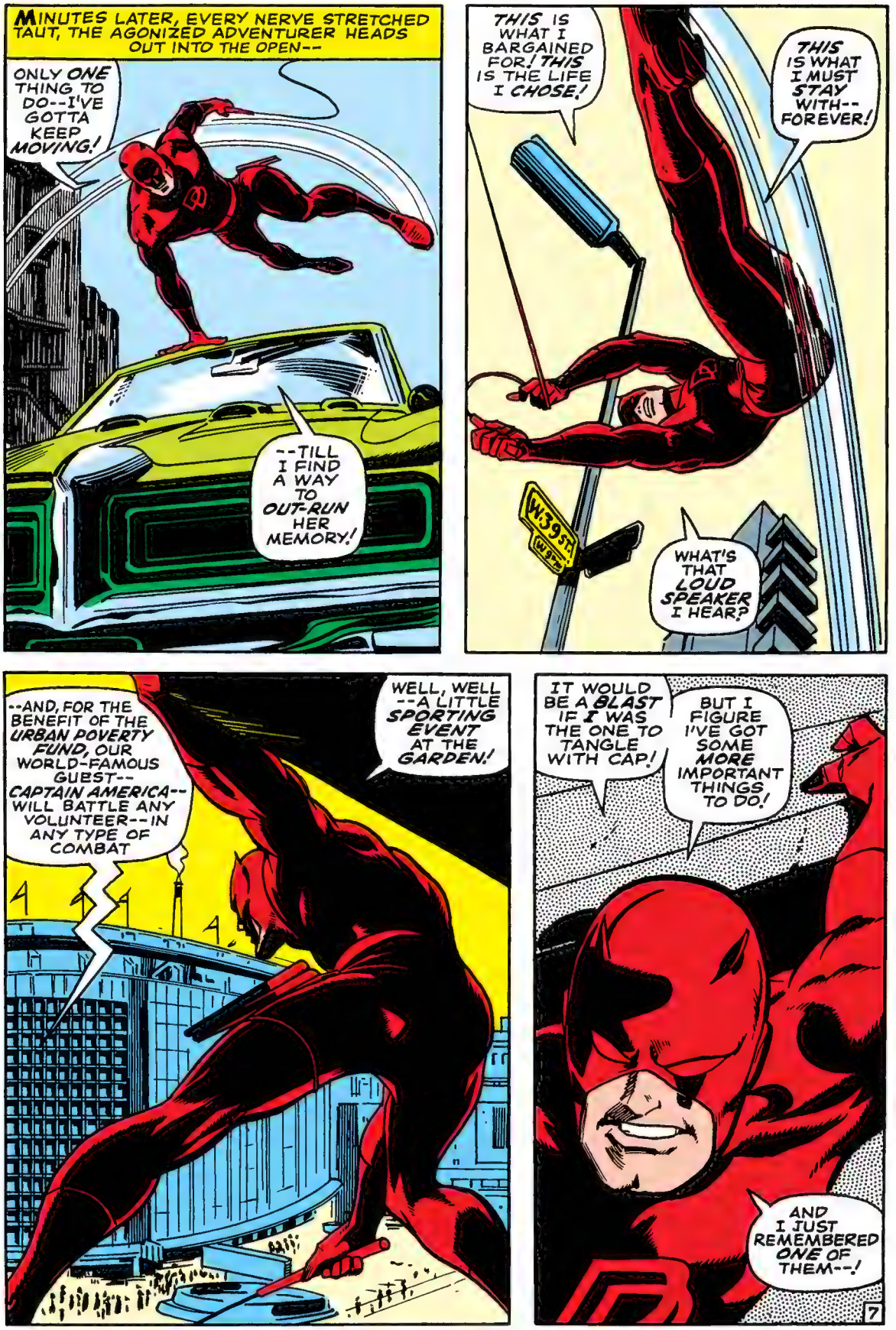
MINUTES LATER, EVERY NERVE STRETCHED TAUT, THE AGONIZED ADVENTURER HEADS OUT INTO THE OPEN--
ONLY ONE THING TO DO--I'VE GOTTA KEEP MOVING!
--TILL I FIND A WAY TO OUT-RUN HER MEMORY!
THIS IS WHAT I BARGAINED FOR! THIS IS THE LIFE I CHOSE!
THIS IS WHAT I MUST STAY WITH-- FOREVER!
W39 ST.
WHAT'S THAT LOUD SPEAKER I HEAR?
--AND, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE URBAN POVERTY FUND, OUR WORLD-FAMOUS GUEST-- CAPTAIN AMERICA-- WILL BATTLE ANY VOLUNTEER--IN ANY TYPE OF COMBAT
WELL, WELL --A LITTLE SPORTING EVENT AT THE GARDEN!
IT WOULD BE A BLAST IF I WAS THE ONE TO TANGLE WITH CAP!
BUT I FIGURE I'VE GOT SOME MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!
AND I JUST REMEMBERED ONE OF THEM--!
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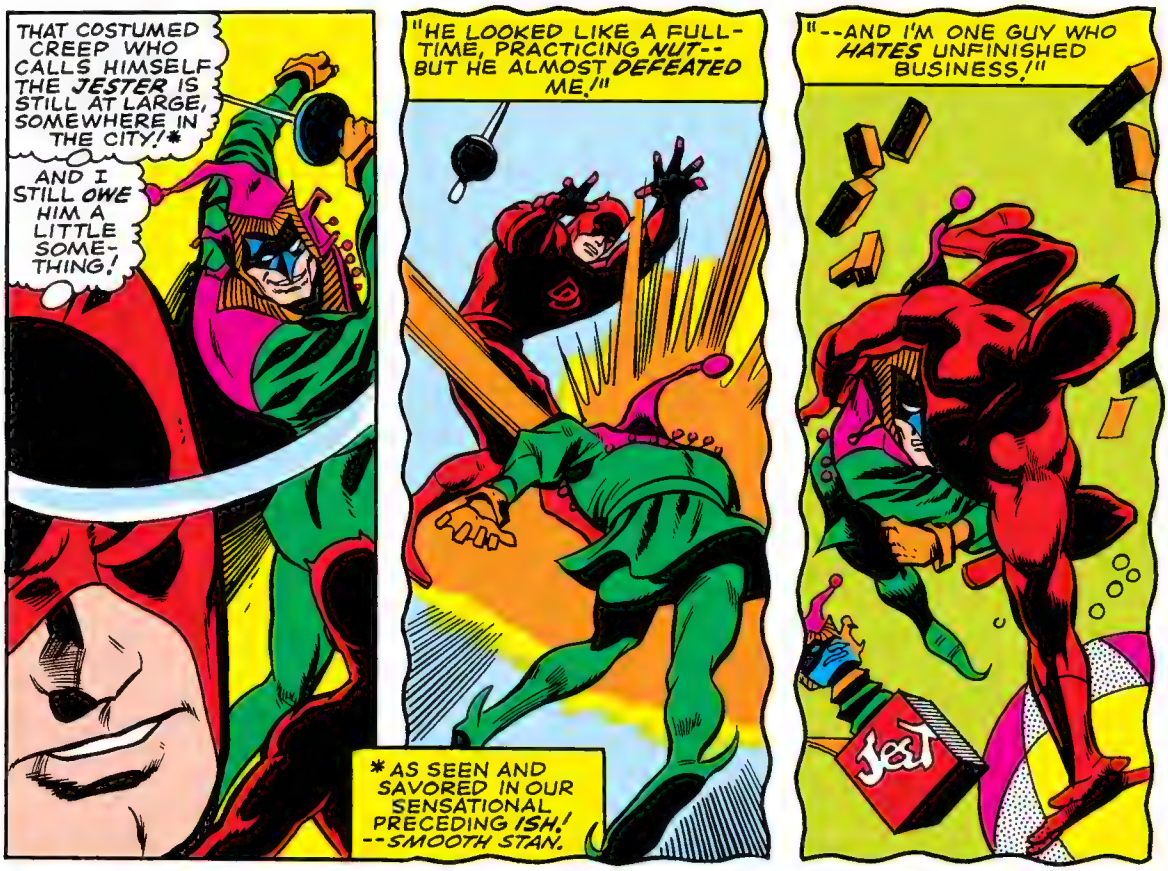
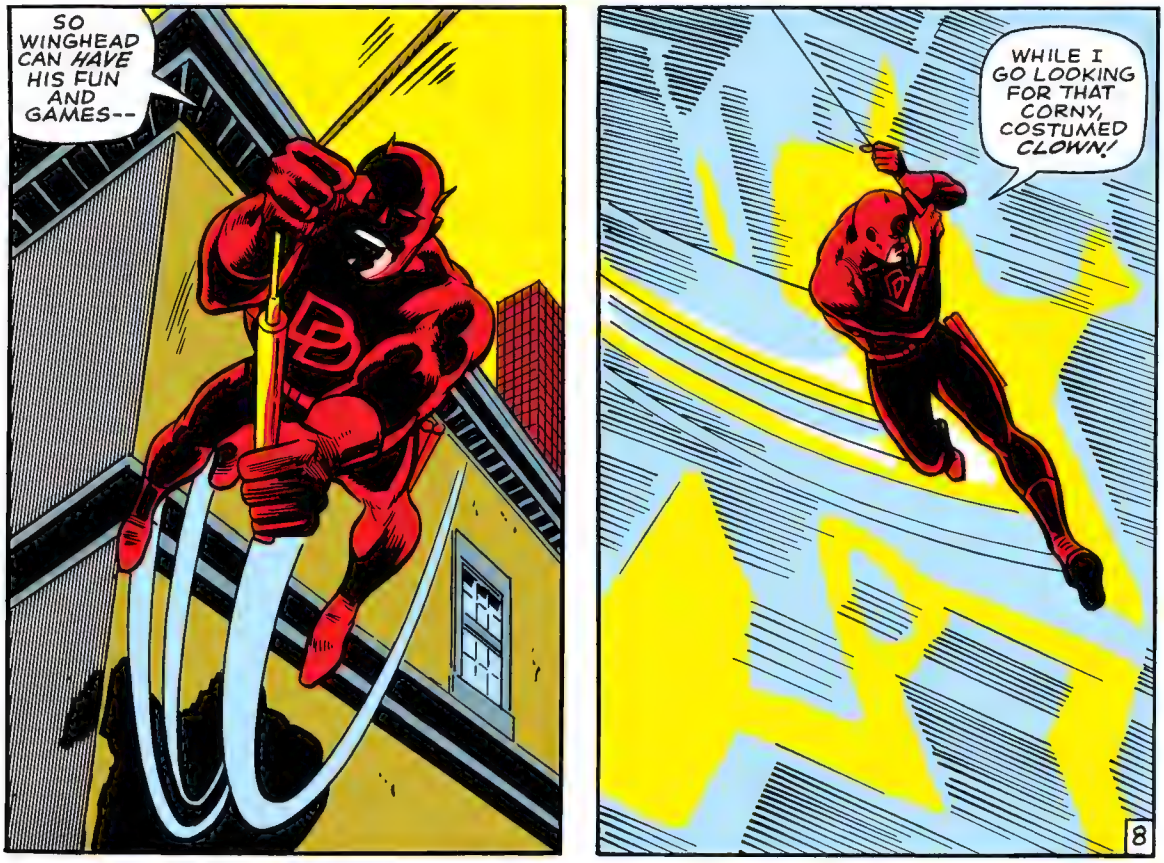
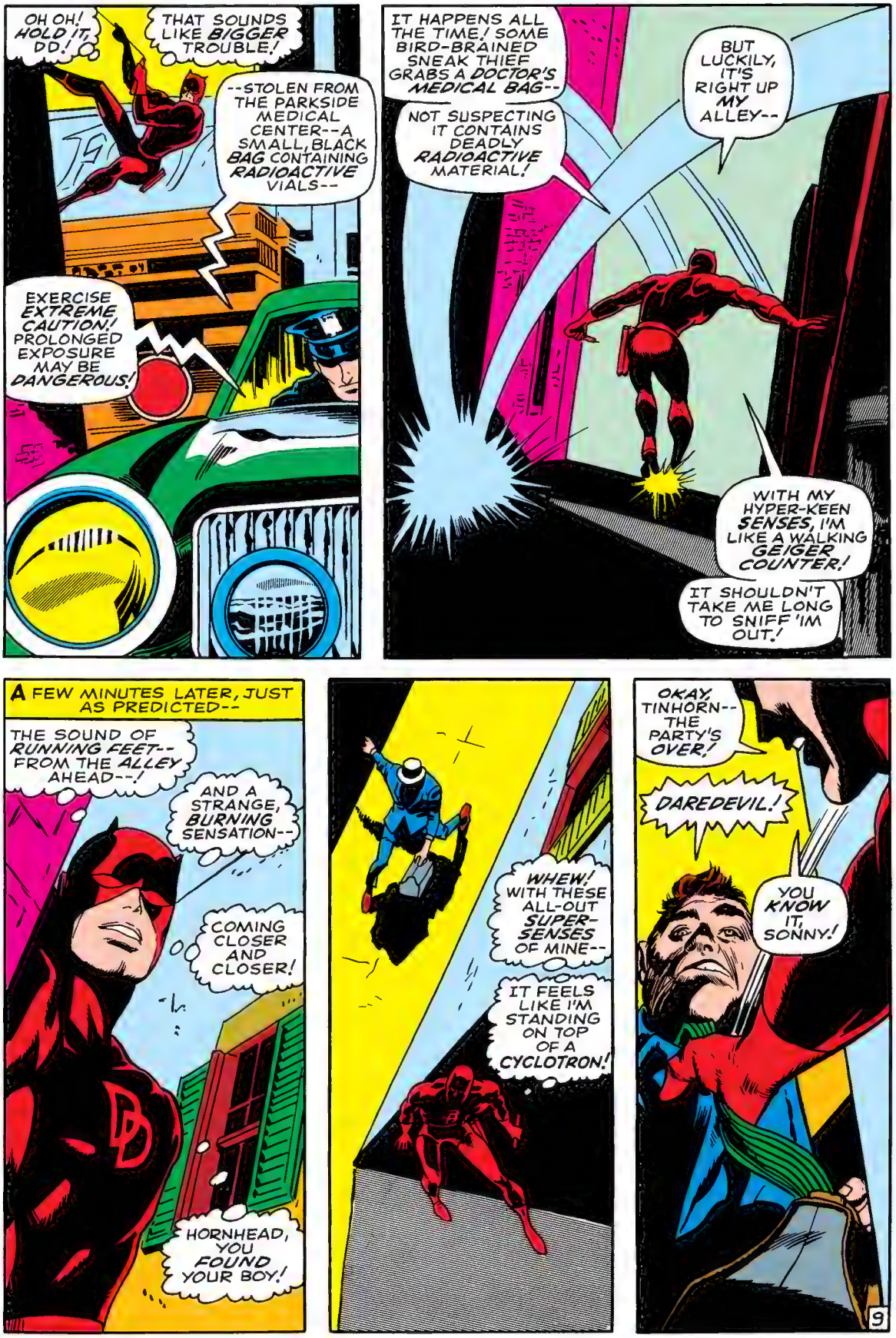

THAT COSTUMED CREEP WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE JESTER IS STILL AT LARGE, SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY!*
AND I STILL OWE HIM A LITTLE SOME-THING!
"HE LOOKED LIKE A FULL-TIME, PRACTICING NUT-- BUT HE ALMOST DEFEATED ME!"
*AS SEEN AND SAVORED IN OUR SENSATIONAL PRECEDING ISH! --SMOOTH STAN.
"--AND I'M ONE GUY WHO HATES UNFINISHED BUSINESS!"
Jest


SO WINGHEAD CAN HAVE HIS FUN AND GAMES--
WHILE I GO LOOKING FOR THAT CORNY, COSTUMED CLOWN!


OH OH! HOLD IT, DD.!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE BIGGER TROUBLE!
--STOLEN FROM THE PARKSIDE MEDICAL CENTER--A SMALL, BLACK BAG CONTAINING RADIOACTIVE VIALS--
EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION! PROLONGED EXPOSURE MAY BE DANGEROUS!
IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME! SOME BIRD-BRAINED SNEAK THIEF GRABS A DOCTOR'S MEDICAL BAG--
NOT SUSPECTING IT CONTAINS DEADLY RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL!
BUT LUCKILY, IT'S RIGHT UP MY ALLEY--
WITH MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES, I'M LIKE A WALKING GEIGER COUNTER!
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO SNIFF 'IM OUT!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, JUST AS PREDICTED--
THE SOUND OF RUNNING FEET-- FROM THE ALLEY AHEAD--!
AND A STRANGE, BURNING SENSATION--
COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER!
HORNHEAD, YOU FOUND YOUR BOY!
WHEW! WITH THESE ALL-OUT SUPER-SENSES OF MINE--
IT FEELS LIKE I'M STANDING ON TOP OF A CYCLOTRON!
OKAY, TINHORN-- THE PARTY'S OVER!
DAREDEVIL!
YOU KNOW IT, SONNY!
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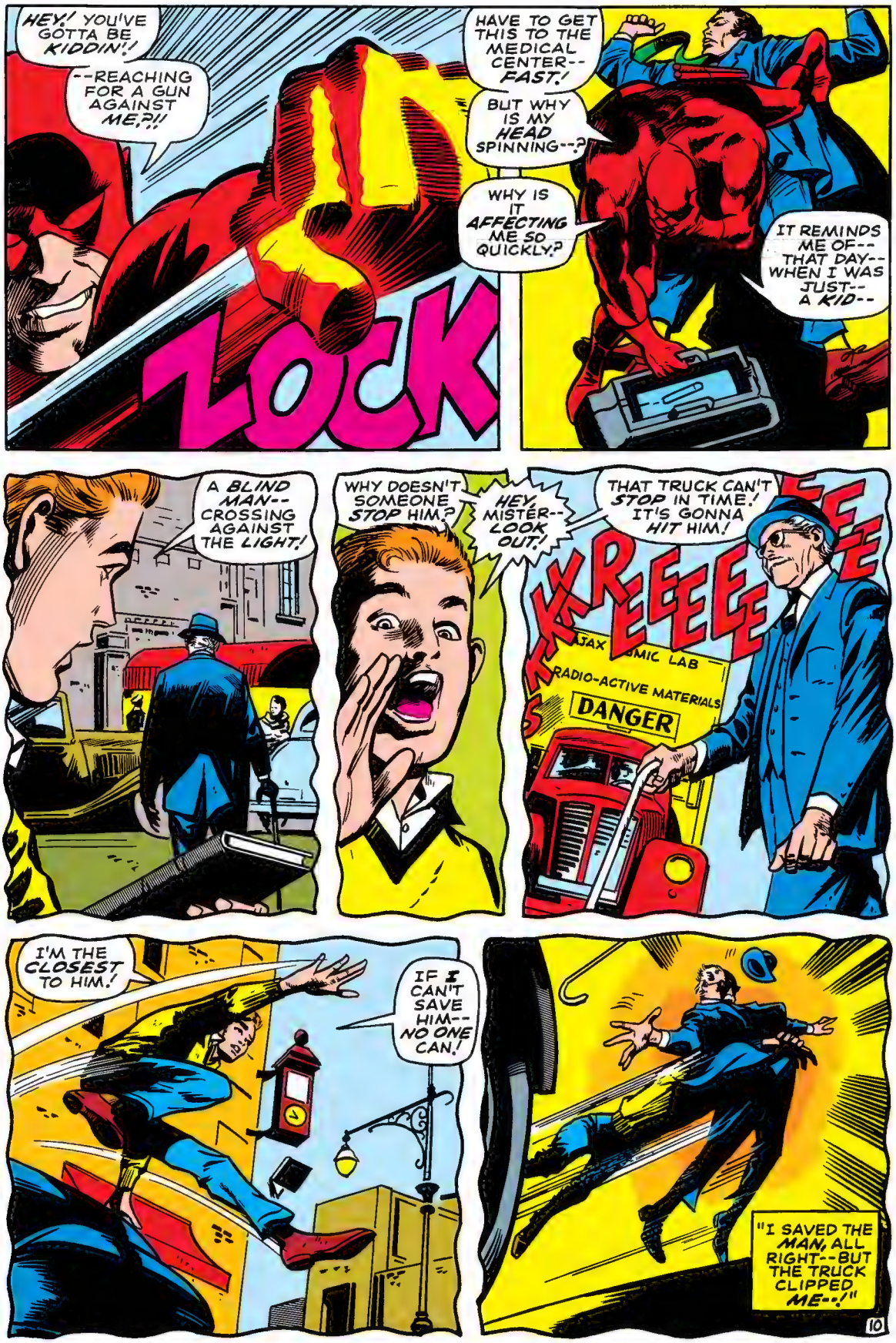
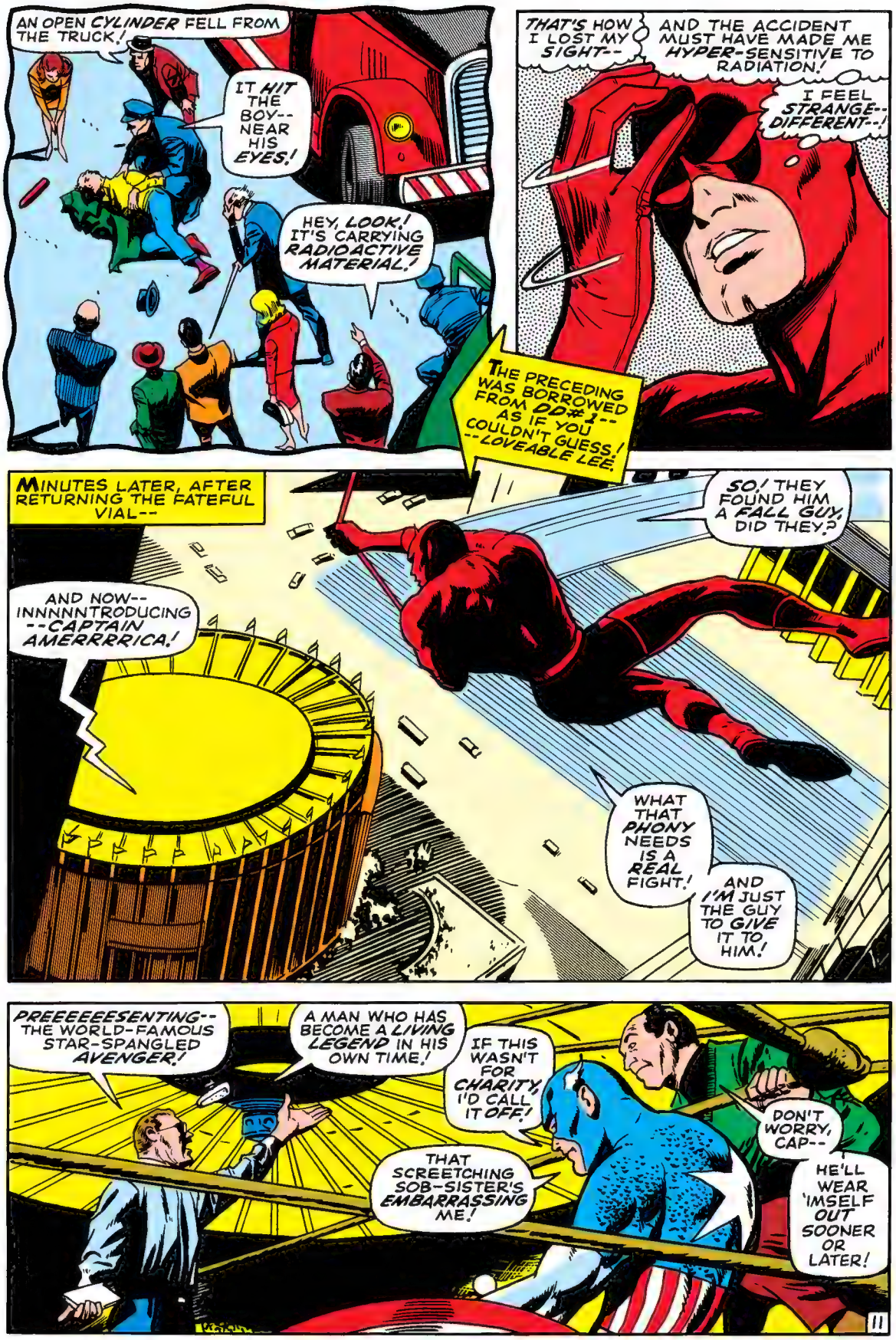
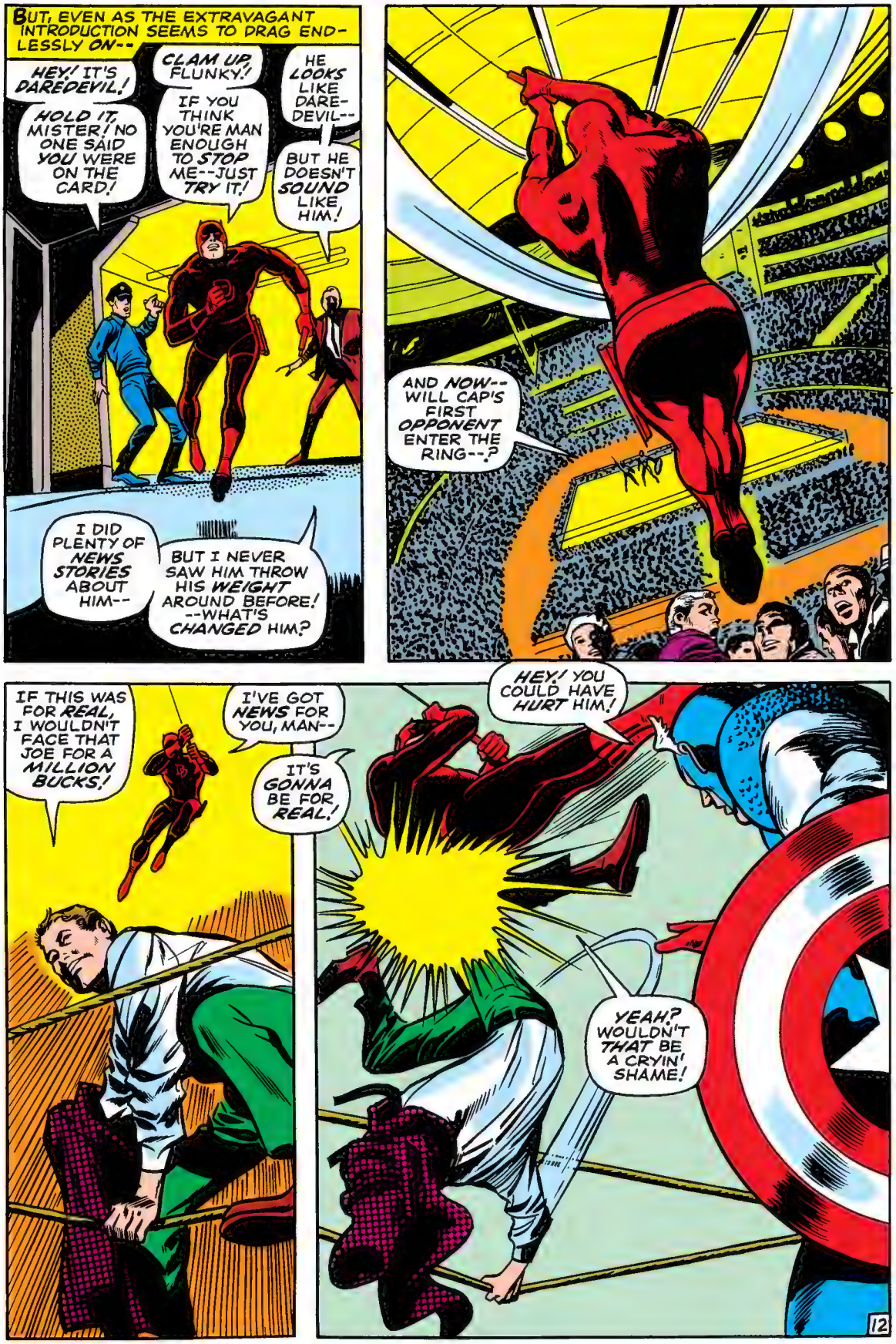

HEY! YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN'!
--REACHING FOR A GUN AGAINST ME,?!!
ZOCK
HAVE TO GET THIS TO THE MEDICAL CENTER-- FAST!
BUT WHY IS MY HEAD SPINNING--?
WHY IS IT AFFECTING ME SO QUICKLY?
IT REMINDS ME OF-- THAT DAY-- WHEN I WAS JUST-- A KID--
A BLIND MAN-- CROSSING AGAINST THE LIGHT!
WHY DOESN'T SOMEONE STOP HIM?
HEY, MISTER-- LOOK OUT!
THAT TRUCK CAN'T STOP IN TIME! IT'S GONNA HIT HIM!
KKREEEEEEE
RADIO-ACTIVE MATERIALS
DANGER
I'M THE CLOSEST TO HIM!
IF I CAN'T SAVE HIM-- NO ONE CAN!
"I SAVED THE MAN, ALL RIGHT--BUT THE TRUCK CLIPPED ME--!"


AN OPEN CYLINDER FELL FROM THE TRUCK!
IT HIT THE BOY-- NEAR HIS EYES!
HEY, LOOK! IT'S CARRYING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL!
THAT'S HOW I LOST MY SIGHT--
AND THE ACCIDENT MUST HAVE MADE ME HYPER-SENSITIVE TO RADIATION!
I FEEL STRANGE-- DIFFERENT--!
THE PRECEDING WAS BORROWED FROM DD#1-- AS IF YOU COULDN'T GUESS! --LOVEABLE LEE.
MINUTES LATER, AFTER RETURNING THE FATEFUL VIAL--
SO! THEY FOUND HIM A FALL GUY, DID THEY?
AND NOW-- INNNNNTRODUCING --CAPTAIN AMERRRRICA!
WHAT THAT PHONY NEEDS IS A REAL FIGHT!
AND I'M JUST THE GUY TO GIVE IT TO HIM!
PREEEEEESENTING-- THE WORLD-FAMOUS STAR-SPANGLED AVENGER!
A MAN WHO HAS BECOME A LIVING LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME!
IF THIS WASN'T FOR CHARITY, I'D CALL IT OFF!
DON'T WORRY, CAP--
HE'LL WEAR 'IMSELF OUT SOONER OR LATER!
THAT SCREETCHING SOB-SISTER'S EMBARRASSING ME!


BUT, EVEN AS THE EXTRAVAGANT INTRODUCTION SEEMS TO DRAG ENDLESSLY ON--
HEY! IT'S DAREDEVIL!
CLAM UP, FLUNKY!
HE LOOKS LIKE DAREDEVIL--
HOLD IT, MISTER! NO ONE SAID YOU WERE ON THE CARD!
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH TO STOP ME--JUST TRY IT!
BUT HE DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HIM!
I DID PLENTY OF NEWS STORIES ABOUT HIM--
BUT I NEVER SAW HIM THROW HIS WEIGHT AROUND BEFORE! --WHAT'S CHANGED HIM?
AND NOW--WILL CAP'S FIRST OPPONENT ENTER THE RING--?
IF THIS WAS FOR REAL, I WOULDN'T FACE THAT JOE FOR A MILLION BUCKS!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MAN--
IT'S GONNA BE FOR REAL!
HEY! YOU COULD HAVE HURT HIM!
YEAH? WOULDN'T THAT BE A CRYIN' SHAME!
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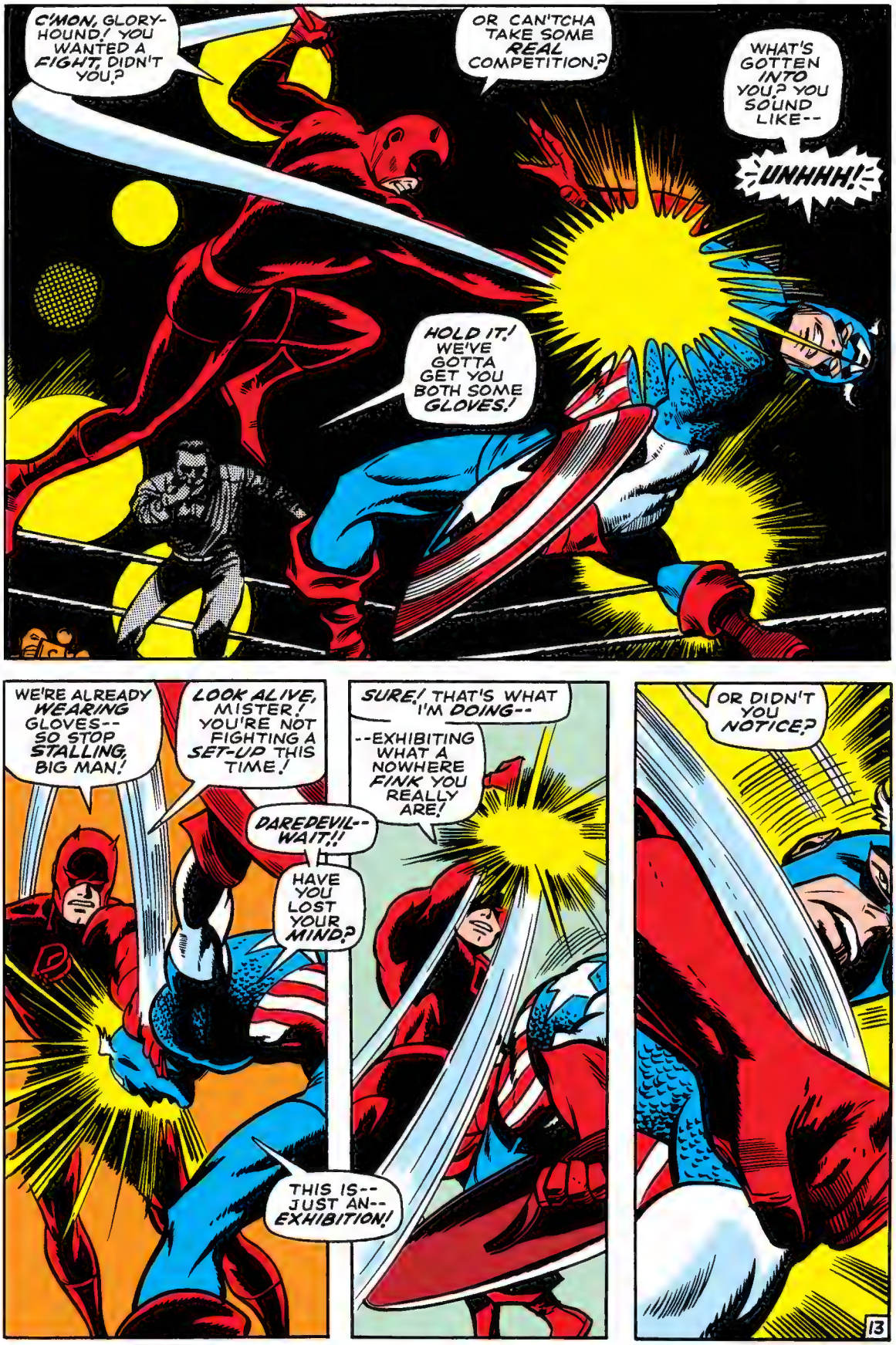
C'MON, GLORY-HOUND! YOU WANTED A FIGHT, DIDN'T YOU?
OR CAN'TCHA TAKE SOME REAL COMPETITION?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? YOU SOUND LIKE--
-UNHHH!-
HOLD IT! WE'VE GOTTA GET YOU BOTH SOME GLOVES!
WE'RE ALREADY WEARING GLOVES-- SO STOP STALLING, BIG MAN!
LOOK ALIVE, MISTER! YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING A SET-UP THIS TIME!
DAREDEVIL-- WAIT!!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
THIS IS-- JUST AN-- EXHIBITION!
SURE! THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING--
--EXHIBITING WHAT A NOWHERE FINK YOU REALLY ARE!
OR DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
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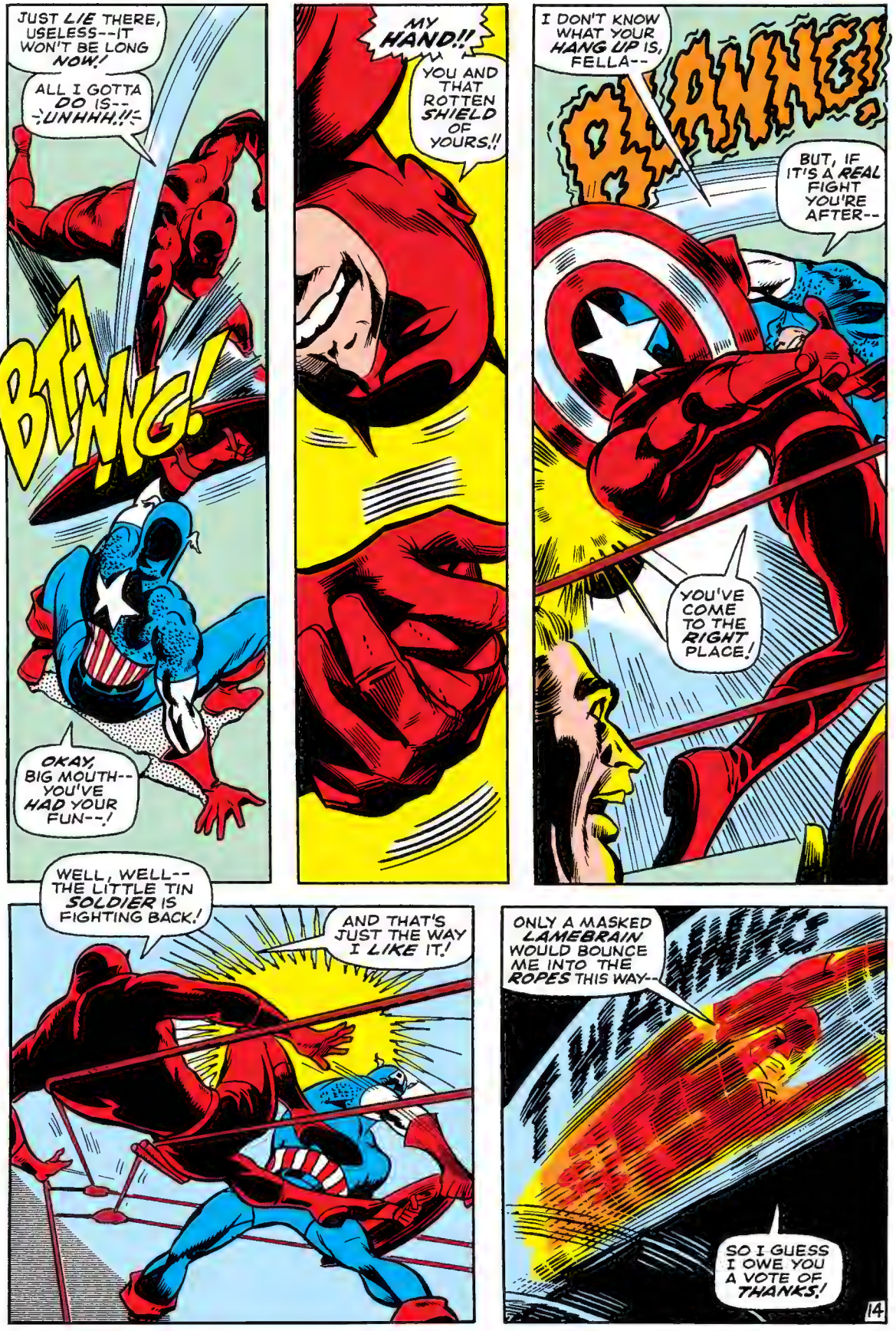
JUST LIE THERE, USELESS--IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
ALL I GOTTA DO IS--
-UNHHH!!-
BTANG!
OKAY, BIG MOUTH--YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN--!
MY HAND!!
YOU AND THAT ROTTEN SHIELD OF YOURS!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR HANG UP IS, FELLA--
BLANG!
BUT, IF IT'S A REAL FIGHT YOU'RE AFTER--
YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!
WELL, WELL--THE LITTLE TIN SOLDIER IS FIGHTING BACK!
AND THAT'S JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT!
ONLY A MASKED LAMEBRAIN WOULD BOUNCE ME INTO THE ROPES THIS WAY--
WHANG
SO I GUESS I OWE YOU A VOTE OF THANKS!
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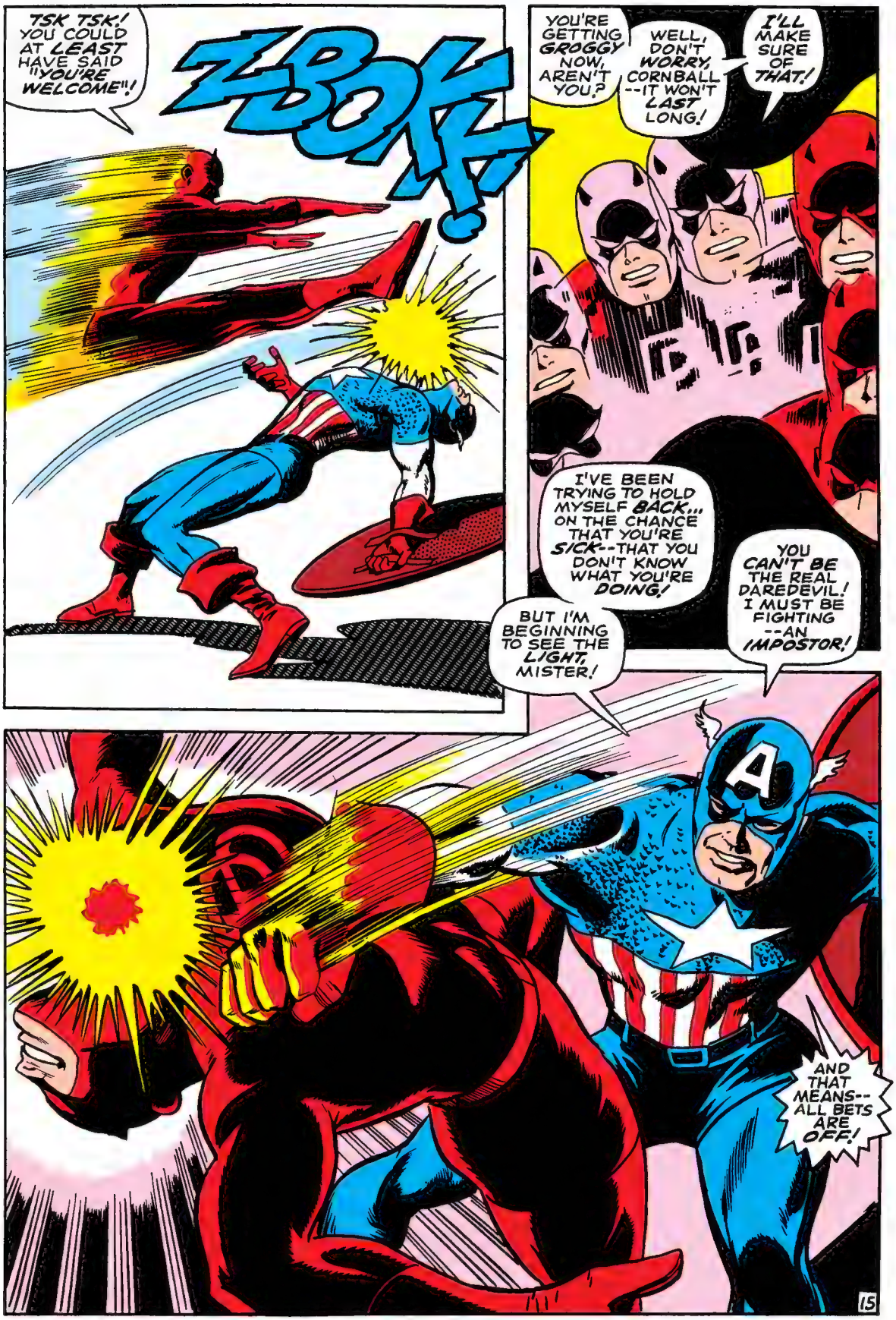
TSK TSK! YOU COULD AT LEAST HAVE SAID "YOU'RE WELCOME"!
ZBOK!
YOU'RE GETTING GROGGY NOW, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, DON'T WORRY, CORNBALL --IT WON'T LAST LONG!
I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO HOLD MYSELF BACK... ON THE CHANCE THAT YOU'RE SICK--THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
YOU CAN'T BE THE REAL DAREDEVIL! I MUST BE FIGHTING --AN IMPOSTOR!
BUT I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT, MISTER!
AND THAT MEANS-- ALL BETS ARE OFF!
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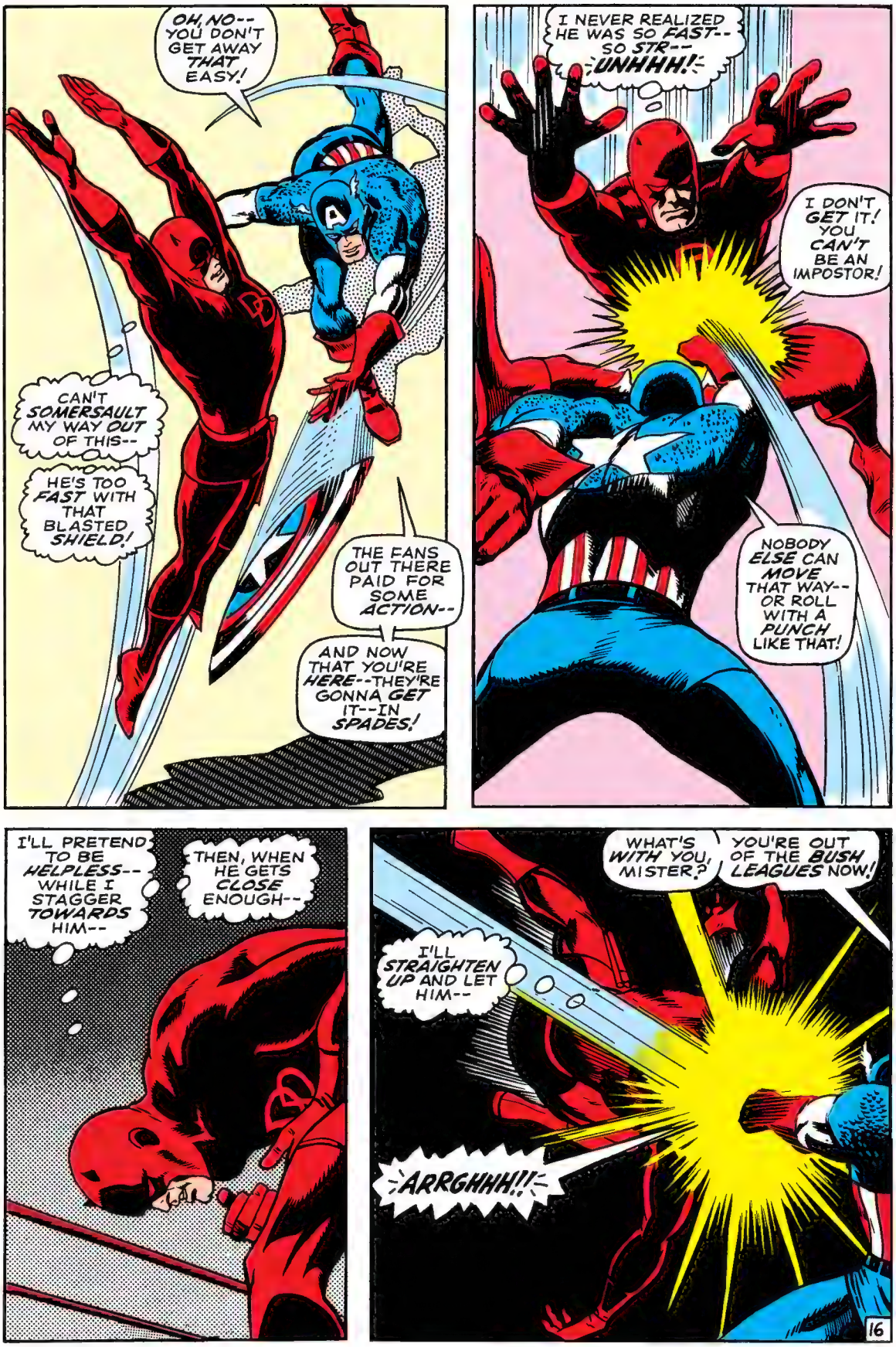
OH, NO-- YOU DON'T GET AWAY THAT EASY!
CAN'T SOMERSAULT MY WAY OUT OF THIS--
HE'S TOO FAST WITH THAT BLASTED SHIELD!
THE FANS OUT THERE PAID FOR SOME ACTION--
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE--THEY'RE GONNA GET IT--IN SPADES!
I NEVER REALIZED HE WAS SO FAST-- SO STR-- -UNHHH!-
I DON'T GET IT! YOU CAN'T BE AN IMPOSTOR!
NOBODY ELSE CAN MOVE THAT WAY-- OR ROLL WITH A PUNCH LIKE THAT!
I'LL PRETEND TO BE HELPLESS-- WHILE I STAGGER TOWARDS HIM--
THEN, WHEN HE GETS CLOSE ENOUGH--
WHAT'S WITH YOU, MISTER?
YOU'RE OUT OF THE BUSH LEAGUES NOW!
I'LL STRAIGHTEN UP AND LET HIM--
-ARRGHHH!!-
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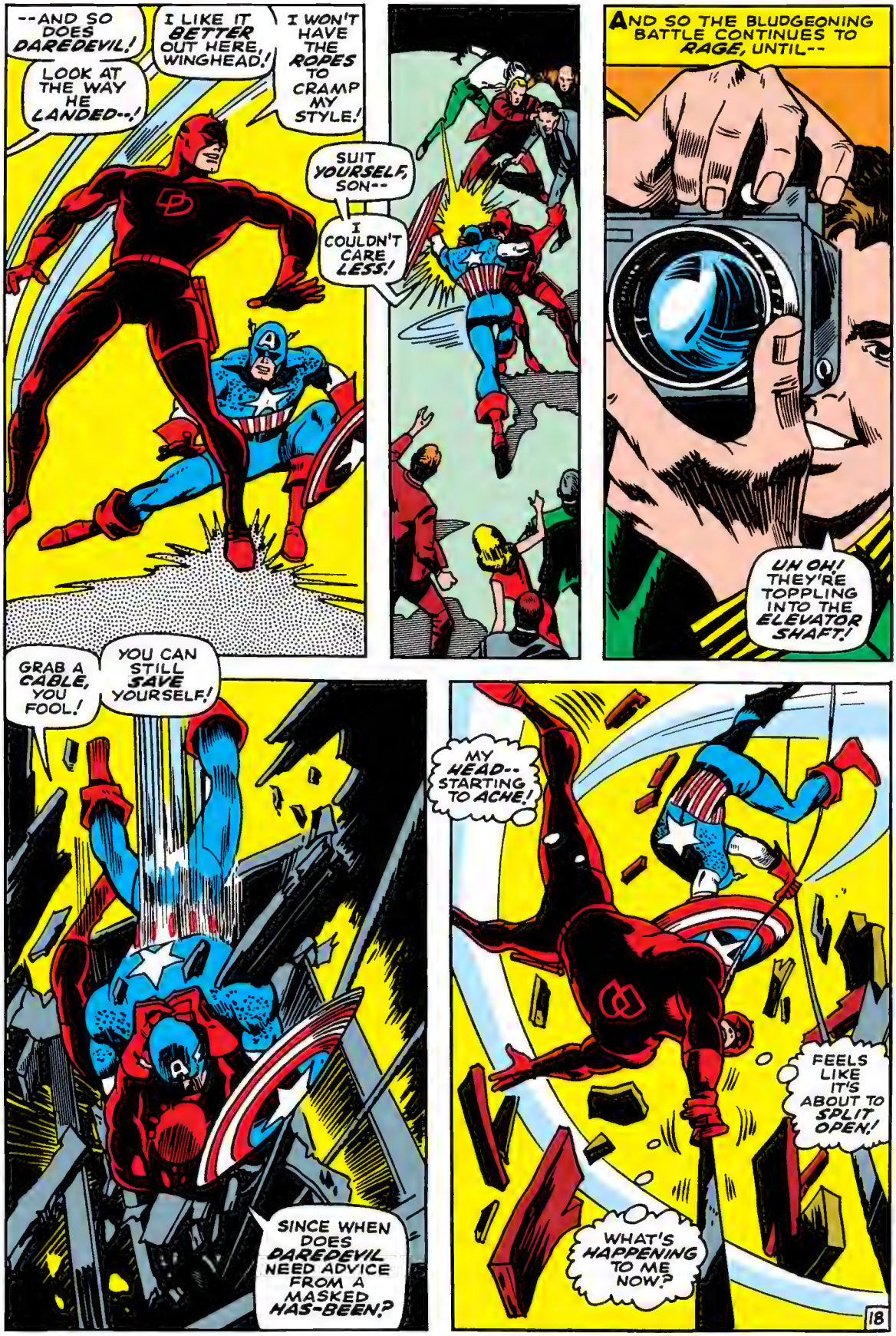
NOW TALK! HOW COME YOU HAVE ALL OF DAREDEVIL'S POWERS--
BUT YOUR STRATEGY IS LIKE AN AMATEUR'S COMPARED TO HIS!
WHO IN BLAZES ARE YOU, ANY-WAY?
I SAID TALK!
GREATEST FIGHT I EVER SAW!
HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S JUST AN ACT!
LOOK! DAREDEVIL'S GETTING UP--
IT STILL ISN'T OVER YET!
WOW! HE'S BUTTING CAP RIGHT OVER THE ROPES--!
IT'S STILL ANYBODY'S FIGHT!
YEAH-- BUT CAP DRAGGED 'IM ALONG WITH HIM!
CAP TOPPLED HIM! HE'S TOSSING HIM OVER--!
THAT STAR-SPANGLED SHIELD-SWINGER KNOWS EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK!


--AND SO DOES DAREDEVIL!
LOOK AT THE WAY HE LANDED--!
I LIKE IT BETTER OUT HERE, WINGHEAD!
I WON'T HAVE THE ROPES TO CRAMP MY STYLE!
SUIT YOURSELF, SON--
I COULDN'T CARE LESS!
AND SO THE BLUDGEONING BATTLE CONTINUES TO RAGE, UNTIL--
UH OH! THEY'RE TOPPLING INTO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT!
GRAB A CABLE, YOU FOOL!
YOU CAN STILL SAVE YOURSELF!
SINCE WHEN DOES DAREDEVIL NEED ADVICE FROM A MASKED HAS-BEEN?
MY HEAD-- STARTING TO ACHE!
FEELS LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO SPLIT OPEN!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME NOW?
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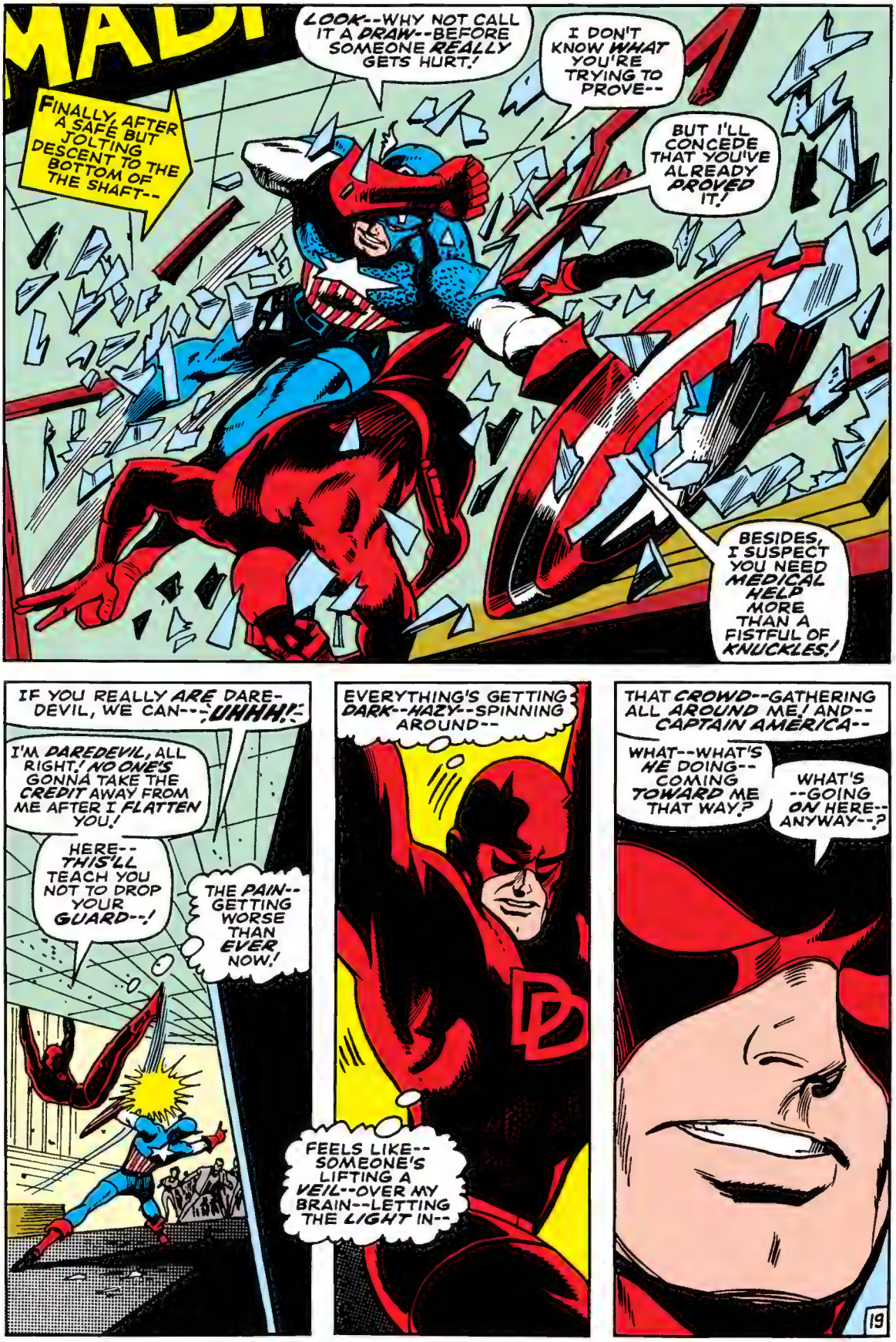
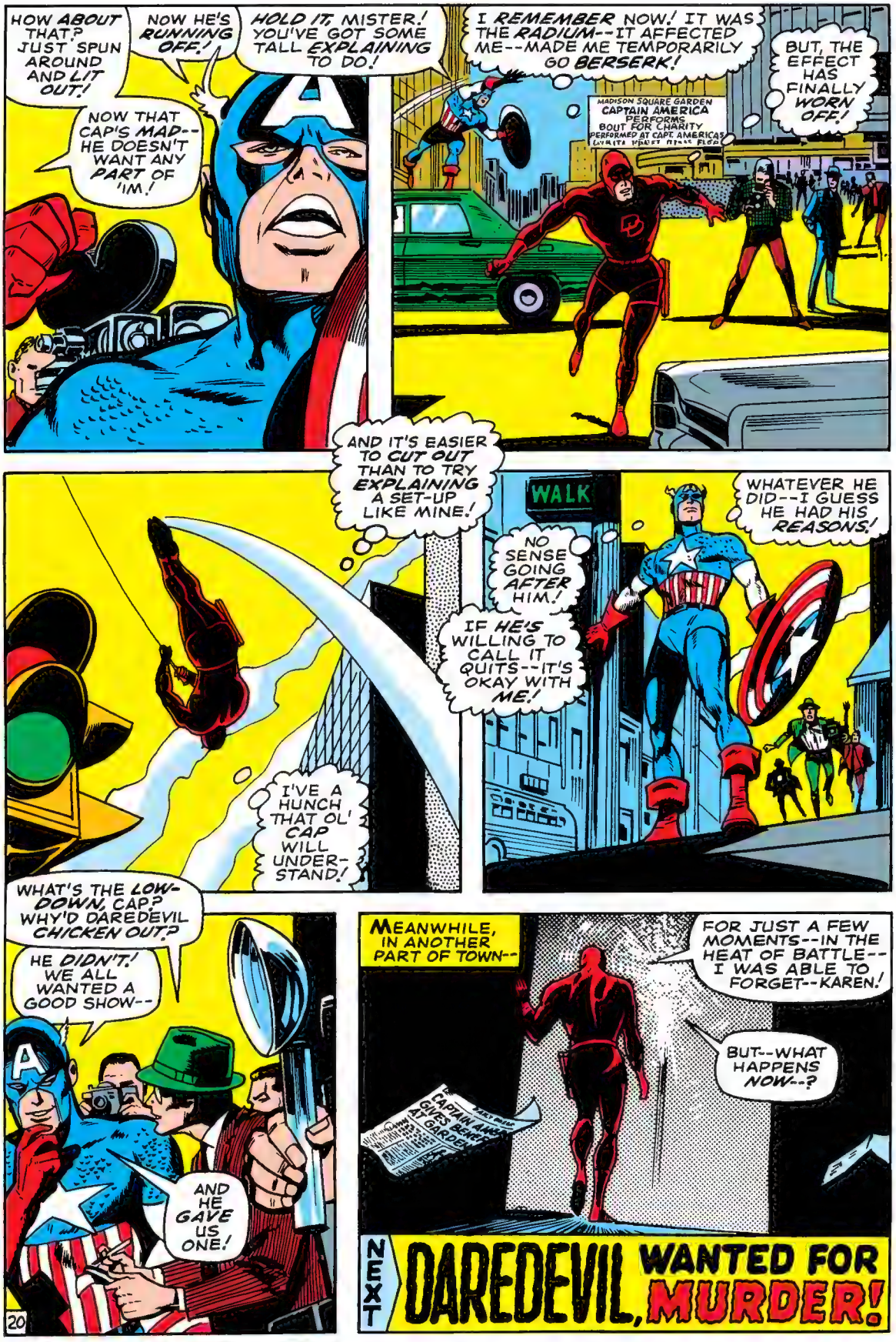

FINALLY, AFTER A SAFE BUT JOLTING DESCENT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SHAFT--
LOOK--WHY NOT CALL IT A DRAW--BEFORE SOMEONE REALLY GETS HURT!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO PROVE--
BUT I'LL CONCEDE THAT YOU'VE ALREADY PROVED IT!
BESIDES, I SUSPECT YOU NEED MEDICAL HELP MORE THAN A FISTFUL OF KNUCKLES!
IF YOU REALLY ARE DARE-DEVIL, WE CAN---; UHHH!
I'M DAREDEVIL, ALL RIGHT! NO ONE'S GONNA TAKE THE CREDIT AWAY FROM ME AFTER I FLATTEN YOU!
HERE--THIS'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO DROP YOUR GUARD--!
THE PAIN--GETTING WORSE THAN EVER, NOW!
EVERYTHING'S GETTING DARK--HAZY--SPINNING AROUND--
FEELS LIKE--SOMEONE'S LIFTING A VEIL--OVER MY BRAIN--LETTING THE LIGHT IN--
THAT CROWD--GATHERING ALL AROUND ME! AND--CAPTAIN AMERICA--
WHAT--WHAT'S HE DOING--COMING TOWARD ME THAT WAY?
WHAT'S --GOING ON HERE--ANYWAY--?


HOW ABOUT THAT? JUST SPUN AROUND AND LIT OUT!
NOW HE'S RUNNING OFF!
HOLD IT, MISTER! YOU'VE GOT SOME TALL EXPLAINING TO DO!
NOW THAT CAP'S MAD--HE DOESN'T WANT ANY PART OF 'IM!
I REMEMBER NOW! IT WAS THE RADIUM--IT AFFECTED ME--MADE ME TEMPORARILY GO BERSERK!
BUT, THE EFFECT HAS FINALLY WORN OFF!
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN CAPTAIN AMERICA PERFORMS BOUT FOR CHARITY
AND IT'S EASIER TO CUT OUT THAN TO TRY EXPLAINING A SET-UP LIKE MINE!
WALK
WHATEVER HE DID--I GUESS HE HAD HIS REASONS!
NO SENSE GOING AFTER HIM!
IF HE'S WILLING TO CALL IT QUITS--IT'S OKAY WITH ME!
I'VE A HUNCH THAT OL' CAP WILL UNDER-STAND!
WHAT'S THE LOW-DOWN, CAP? WHY'D DAREDEVIL CHICKEN OUT?
HE DIDN'T! WE ALL WANTED A GOOD SHOW--
AND HE GAVE US ONE!
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN--
FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS--IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE--I WAS ABLE TO FORGET--KAREN!
BUT--WHAT HAPPENS NOW--?
CAPTAIN AMERICA GIVES BERSERK PERFORMANCE AT GARDEN
NEXT DAREDEVIL, WANTED FOR MURDER!

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"I, MURDERER!"
GO, MY LITTLE ROBOT MINIATURE! YOU ARE SMALL ENOUGH TO WALK UNDER THE GUARD BEAM WITHOUT SETTING OFF AN ALARM!
ONLY THE JESTER COULD HAVE CONCEIVED SO BRILLIANT, SO TOTALLY DARING A PLAN!
AHHH, HOW I THRILL TO THE PITTER-PATTER OF YOUR TINY FEET!
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LETTERING: ADORABLE ARTIE SIMEK
APPLAUDING: IRASCIBLE IRVING FORBUSH
TIC
TIC TIC TIC
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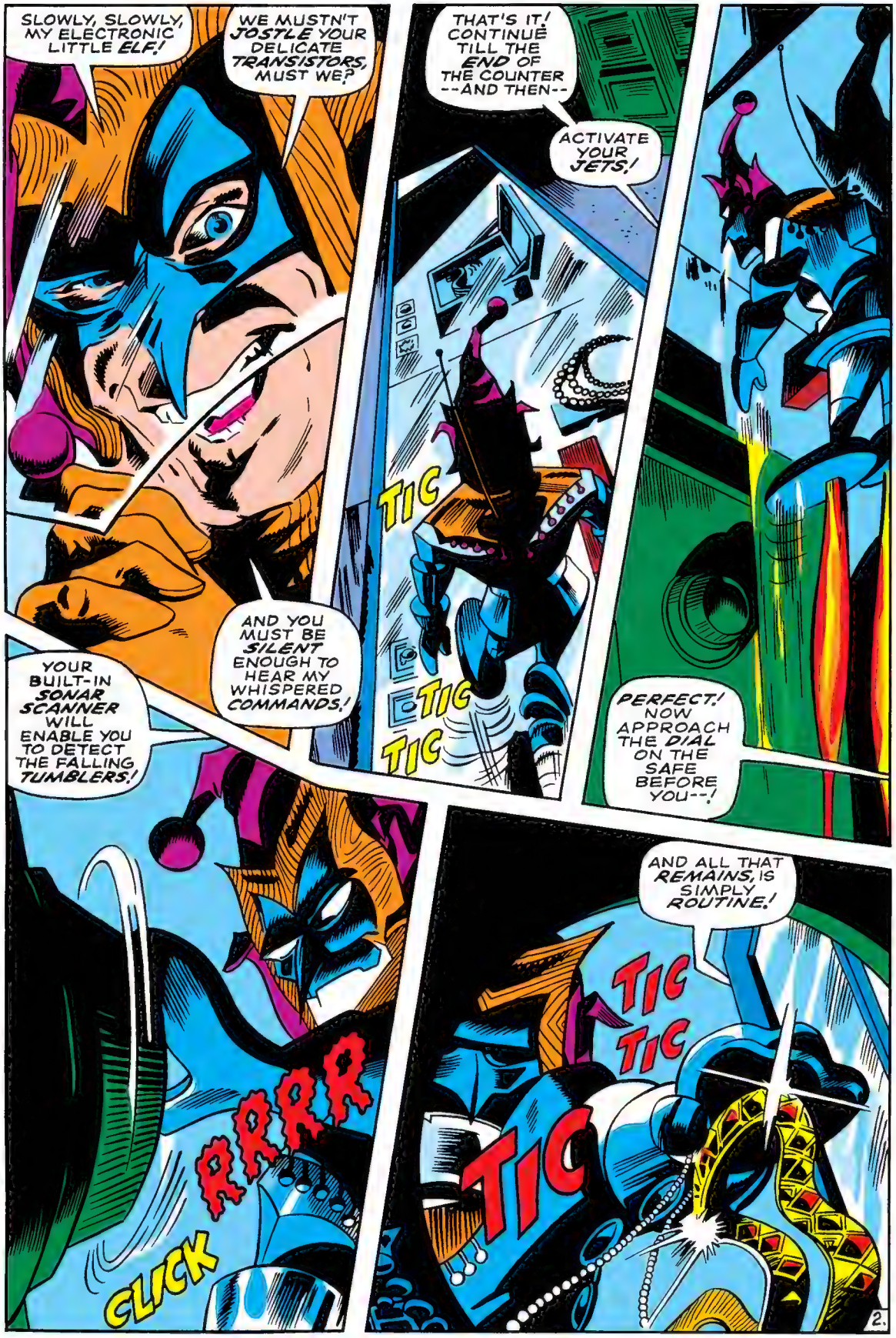
SLOWLY, SLOWLY, MY ELECTRONIC LITTLE ELF!
WE MUSTN'T JOSTLE YOUR DELICATE TRANSISTORS, MUST WE?
AND YOU MUST BE SILENT ENOUGH TO HEAR MY WHISPERED COMMANDS!
YOUR BUILT-IN SONAR SCANNER WILL ENABLE YOU TO DETECT THE FALLING TUMBLERS!
CLICK
RRRR
THAT'S IT! CONTINUE TILL THE END OF THE COUNTER --AND THEN--
ACTIVATE YOUR JETS!
TIC
TIC
TIC
PERFECT! NOW APPROACH THE DIAL ON THE SAFE BEFORE YOU--!
AND ALL THAT REMAINS, IS SIMPLY ROUTINE!
TIC
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TO THINK OF THE YEARS I WASTED-- SEEKING FAME AS AN ACTOR!
I--THE GREATEST CRIMINAL GENIUS OF ALL!
WELL DONE, MY UNDER-SIZED LITTLE UNDERSTUDY!
NOW, BACK INTO YOUR RESTING PLACE YOU GO!
HOW CHILDISHLY SIMPLE IT WAS!
EXCEPT FOR MY ONE CARELESS DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF DAREDEVIL, I'VE BEEN-- WAIT!!
A POLICE SIREN!!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, MISTER! I'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS!
DO YOU? WE SHALL SEE!!
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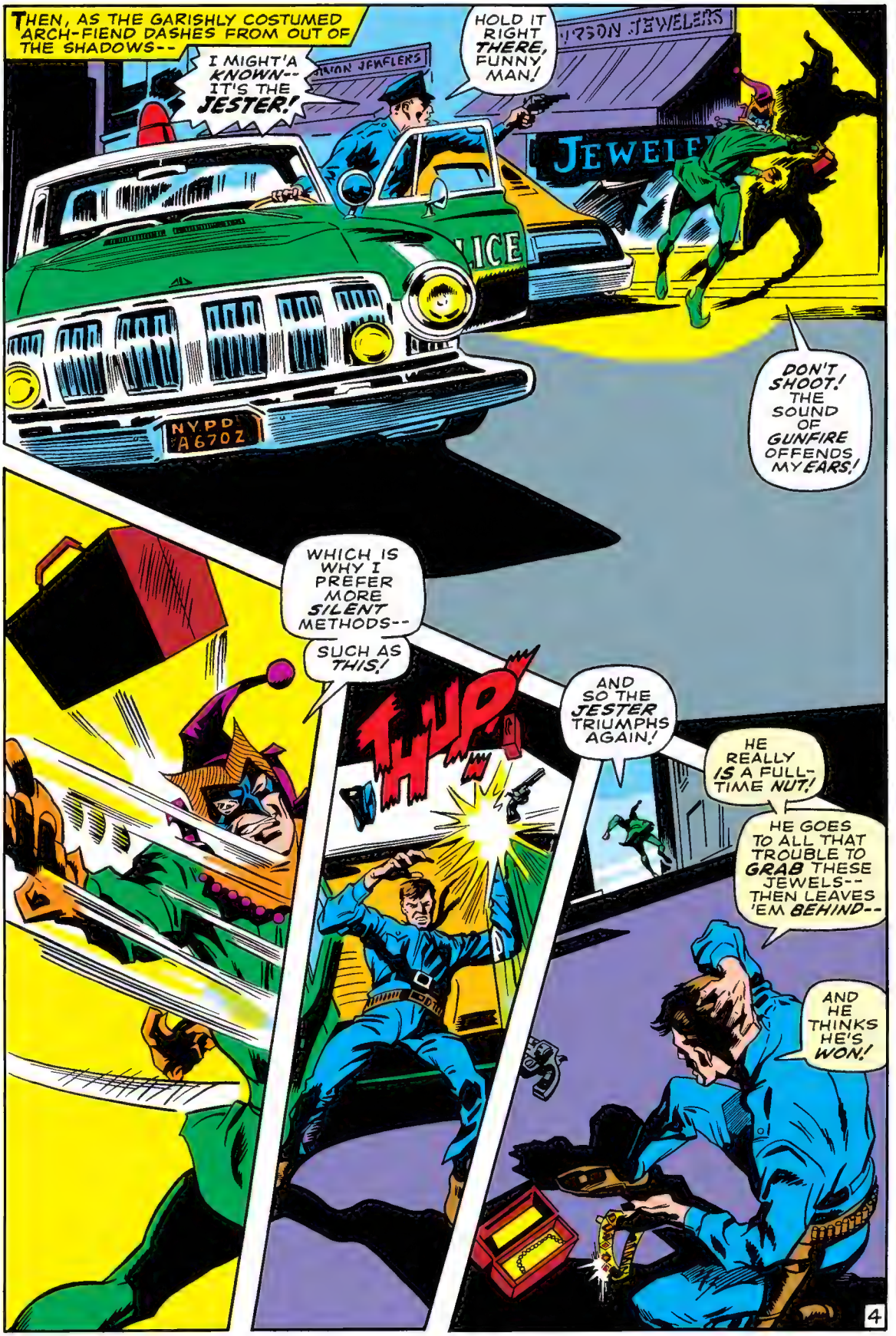
THEN, AS THE GARISHLY COSTUMED ARCH-FIEND DASHES FROM OUT OF THE SHADOWS--
I MIGHT'A KNOWN-- IT'S THE JESTER!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, FUNNY MAN!
NYPD A6702
DON'T SHOOT! THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE OFFENDS MY EARS!
WHICH IS WHY I PREFER MORE SILENT METHODS--
SUCH AS THIS!
THUP
AND SO THE JESTER TRIUMPHS AGAIN!
HE REALLY IS A FULL-TIME NUT!
HE GOES TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO GRAB THESE JEWELS-- THEN LEAVES 'EM BEHIND--
AND HE THINKS HE'S WON!
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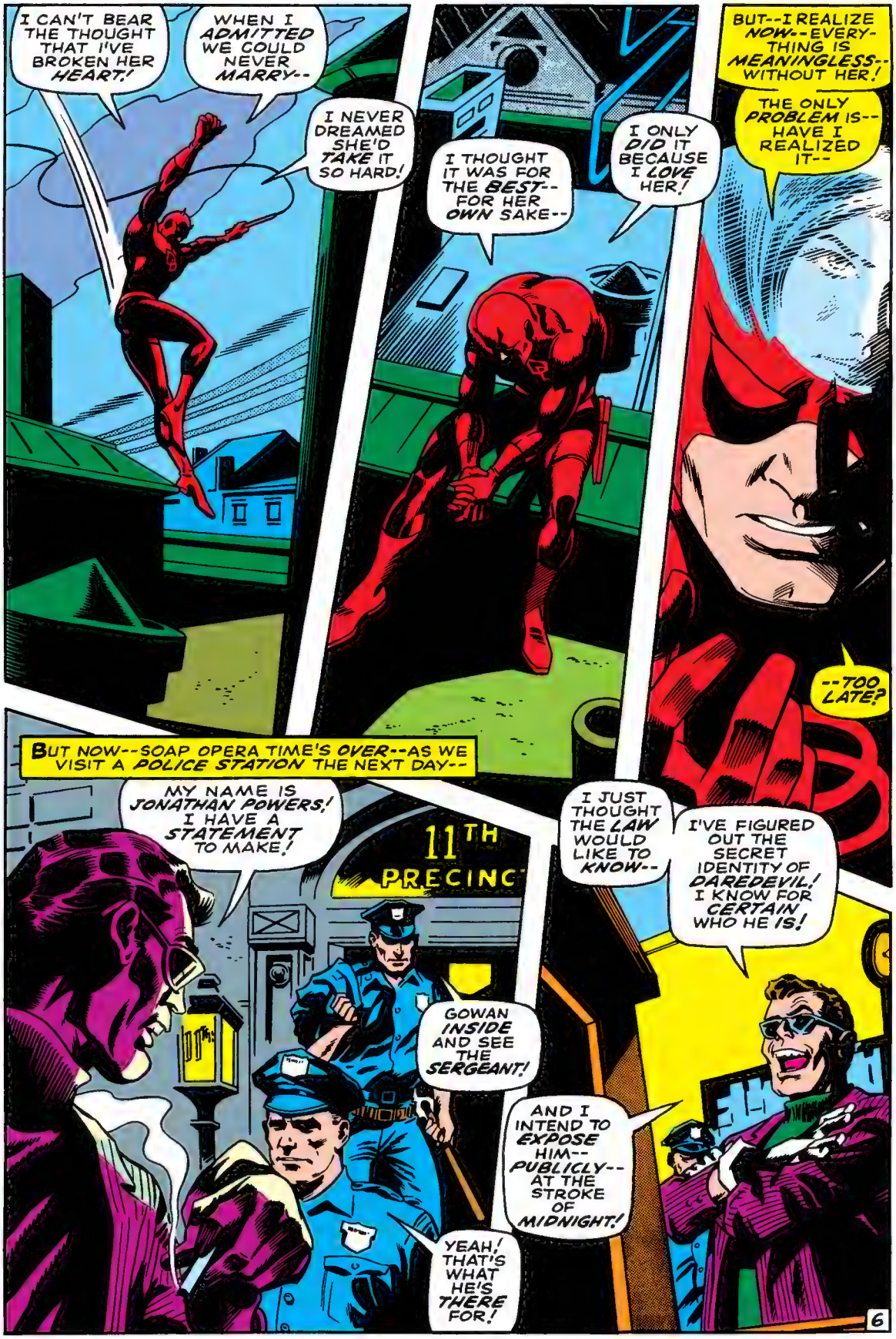
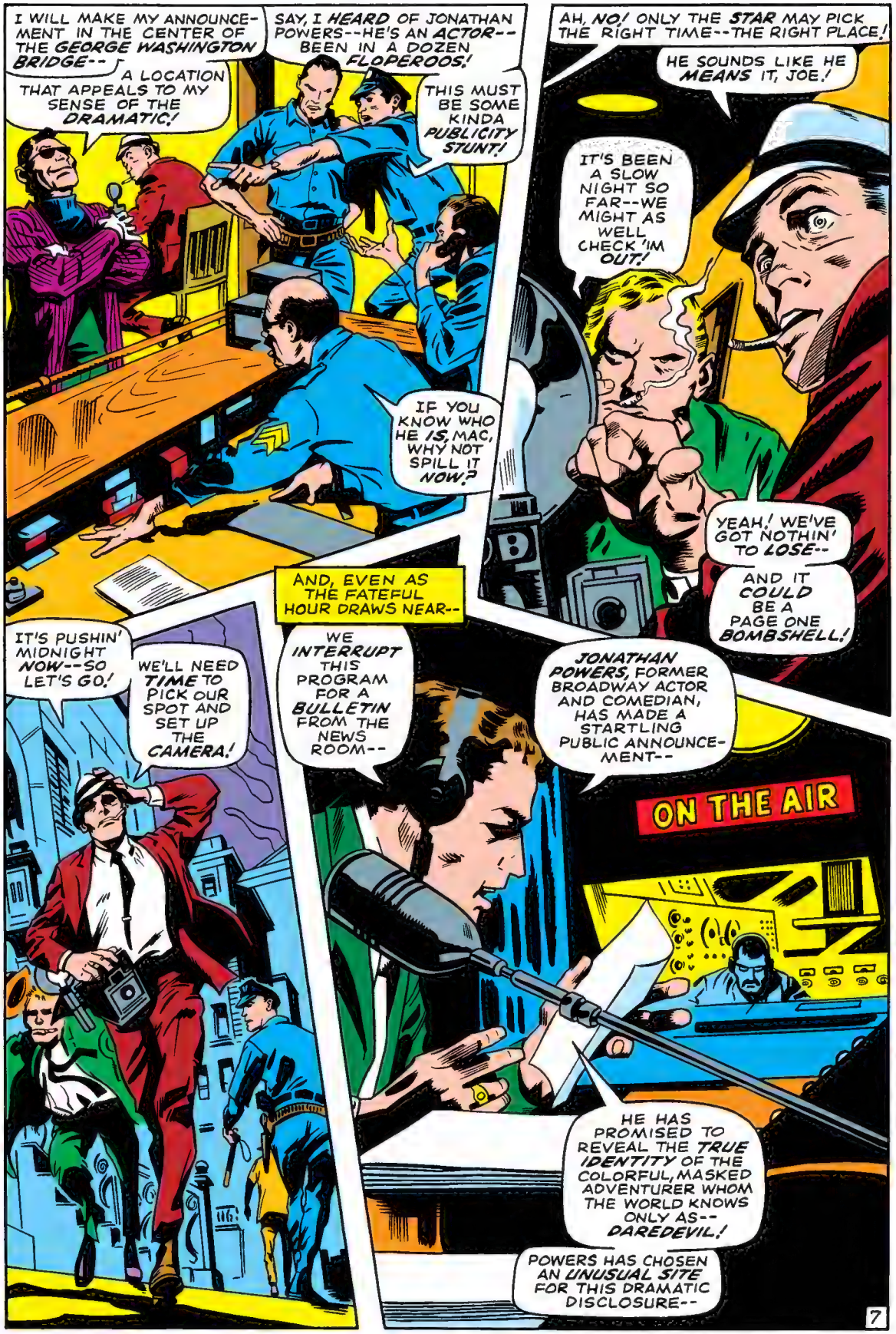
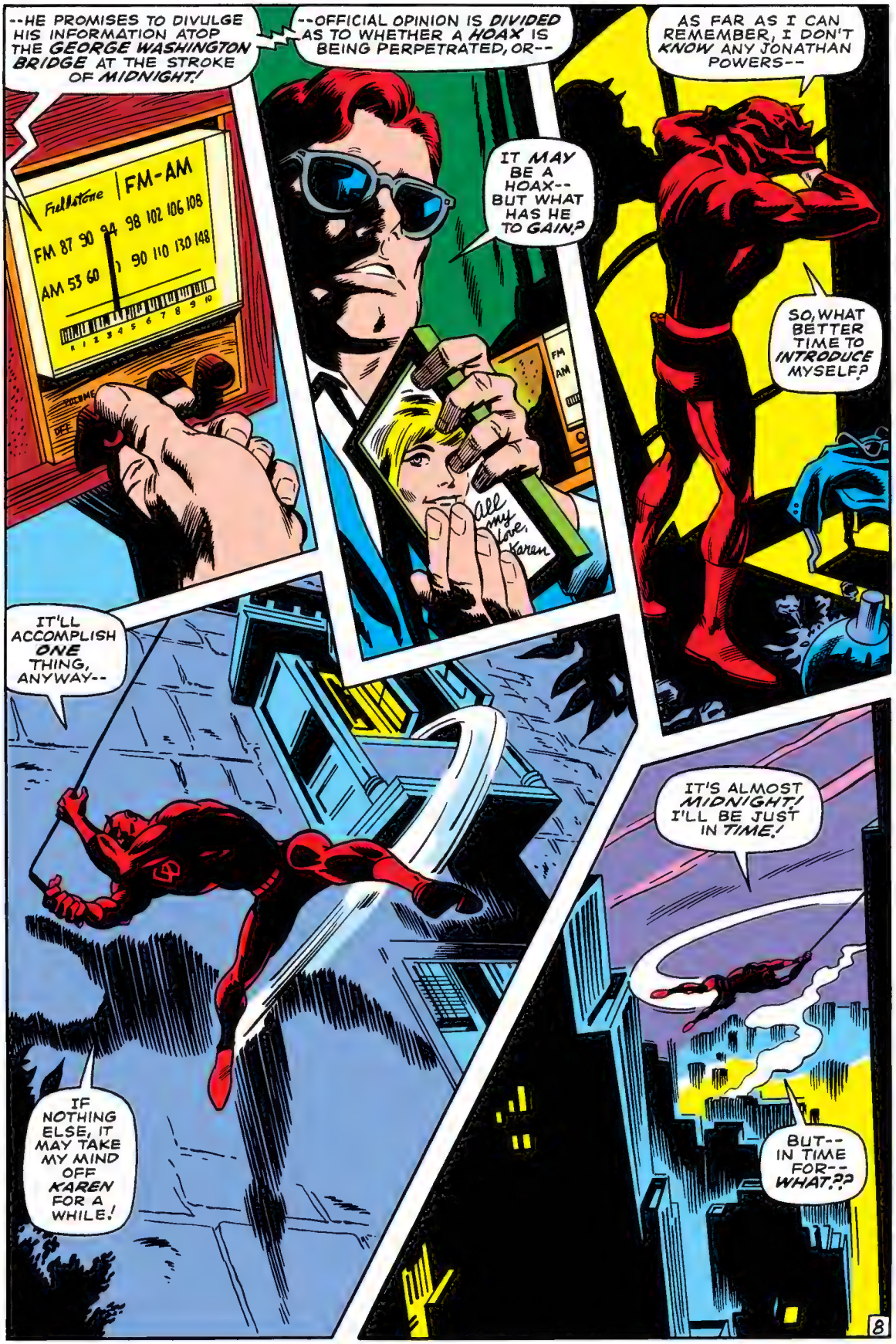
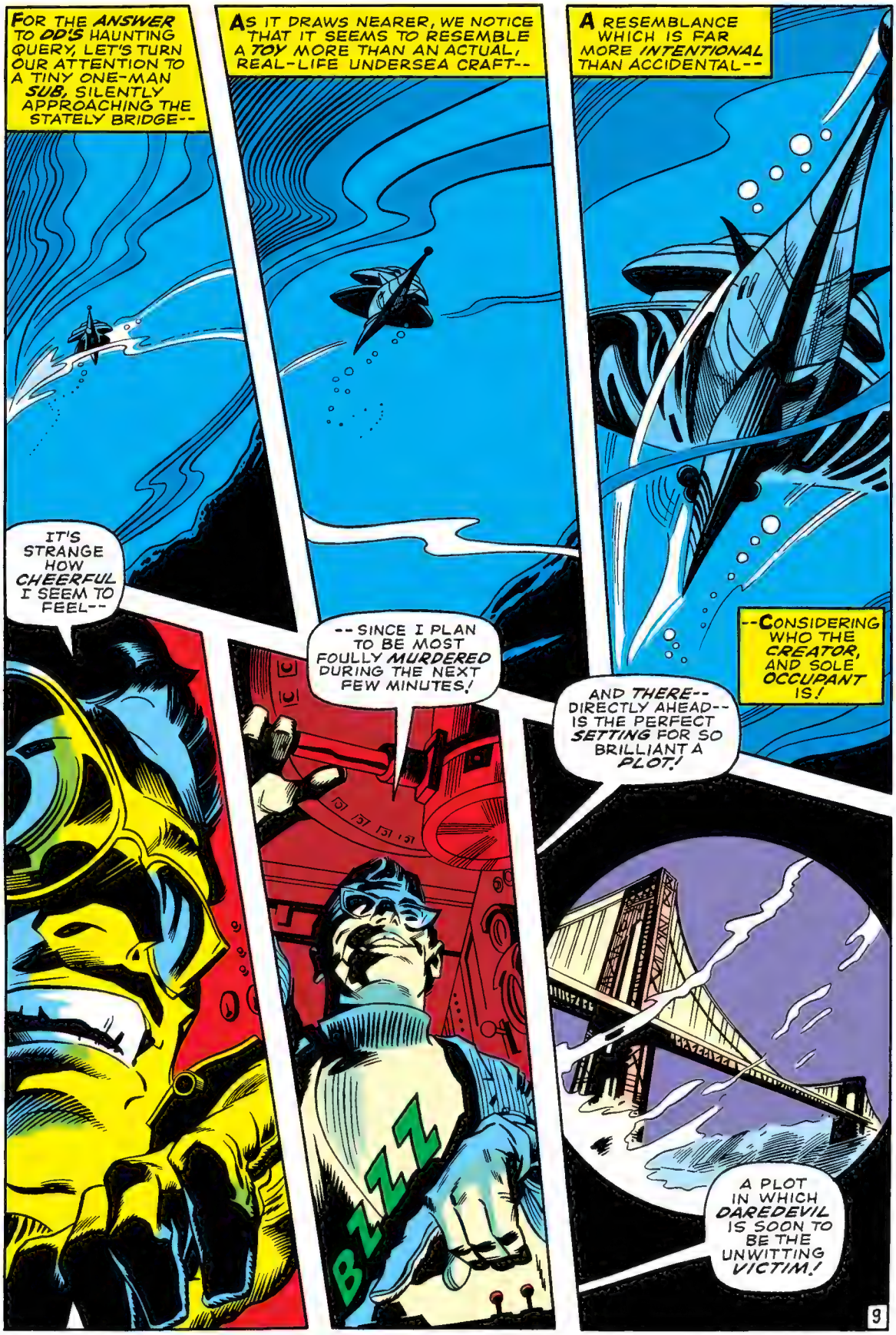
MINUTES LATER--
ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS IS THE EXCITEMENT OF THE GAME--THE THRILL OF THE CHASE!
THE PRIZE ITSELF MEANS ALMOST NOTHING TO ME!
BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT NOW CONCERNS ME--!
SOONER OR LATER, SOMEONE IS SURE TO LEARN MY TRUE IDENTITY!
AND, WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL BE FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN I AM NOW!
BUT, IF THE WORLD SHOULD THINK THAT JONATHAN POWERS IS NO LONGER ALIVE--!
AND, EVEN BETTER--
WHAT IF I MAKE IT SEEM AS THOUGH MY OWN WORST ENEMY KILLED ME?
AND, WHILE THE JEERING JESTER CONJURES UP AN IMAGE OF THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR--LET'S VISIT OL' DD IN PERSON--
KAREN MIGHT STILL BE SOME-WHERE IN THE CITY!
AND, IF SHE IS-- I'VE GOT TO FIND HER!


I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT THAT I'VE BROKEN HER HEART!
WHEN I ADMITTED WE COULD NEVER MARRY--
I NEVER DREAMED SHE'D TAKE IT SO HARD!
I THOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE BEST-- FOR HER OWN SAKE--
I ONLY DID IT BECAUSE I LOVE HER!
BUT--I REALIZE NOW--EVERY-THING IS MEANINGLESS-- WITHOUT HER!
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS-- HAVE I REALIZED IT--
--TOO LATE?
BUT NOW--SOAP OPERA TIME'S OVER--AS WE VISIT A POLICE STATION THE NEXT DAY--
MY NAME IS JONATHAN POWERS! I HAVE A STATEMENT TO MAKE!
11TH PRECINC
I JUST THOUGHT THE LAW WOULD LIKE TO KNOW--
I'VE FIGURED OUT THE SECRET IDENTITY OF DAREDEVIL! I KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHO HE IS!
GOWAN INSIDE AND SEE THE SERGEANT!
AND I INTEND TO EXPOSE HIM-- PUBLICLY-- AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!
YEAH! THAT'S WHAT HE'S THERE FOR!


I WILL MAKE MY ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE CENTER OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE--
A LOCATION THAT APPEALS TO MY SENSE OF THE DRAMATIC!
SAY, I HEARD OF JONATHAN POWERS--HE'S AN ACTOR--BEEN IN A DOZEN FLOPEROOS!
THIS MUST BE SOME KINDA PUBLICITY STUNT!
IF YOU KNOW WHO HE IS, MAC, WHY NOT SPILL IT NOW?
AH, NO! ONLY THE STAR MAY PICK THE RIGHT TIME--THE RIGHT PLACE!
HE SOUNDS LIKE HE MEANS IT, JOE!
IT'S BEEN A SLOW NIGHT SO FAR--WE MIGHT AS WELL CHECK 'IM OUT!
YEAH! WE'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO LOSE--
AND IT COULD BE A PAGE ONE BOMBSHELL!
AND, EVEN AS THE FATEFUL HOUR DRAWS NEAR--
IT'S PUSHIN' MIDNIGHT NOW--SO LET'S GO!
WE'LL NEED TIME TO PICK OUR SPOT AND SET UP THE CAMERA!
WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR A BULLETIN FROM THE NEWS ROOM--
JONATHAN POWERS, FORMER BROADWAY ACTOR AND COMEDIAN, HAS MADE A STARTLING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT--
ON THE AIR
HE HAS PROMISED TO REVEAL THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE COLORFUL, MASKED ADVENTURER WHOM THE WORLD KNOWS ONLY AS--DAREDEVIL!
POWERS HAS CHOSEN AN UNUSUAL SITE FOR THIS DRAMATIC DISCLOSURE--


--HE PROMISES TO DIVULGE HIS INFORMATION ATOP THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT!
FM-AM
--OFFICIAL OPINION IS DIVIDED AS TO WHETHER A HOAX IS BEING PERPETRATED, OR--
IT MAY BE A HOAX-- BUT WHAT HAS HE TO GAIN?
All my love, Karen
AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, I DON'T KNOW ANY JONATHAN POWERS--
SO, WHAT BETTER TIME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF?
IT'LL ACCOMPLISH ONE THING, ANYWAY--
IF NOTHING ELSE, IT MAY TAKE MY MIND OFF KAREN FOR A WHILE!
IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT! I'LL BE JUST IN TIME!
BUT-- IN TIME FOR-- WHAT??


FOR THE ANSWER TO DD'S HAUNTING QUERY, LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A TINY ONE-MAN SUB, SILENTLY APPROACHING THE STATELY BRIDGE--
AS IT DRAWS NEARER, WE NOTICE THAT IT SEEMS TO RESEMBLE A TOY MORE THAN AN ACTUAL, REAL-LIFE UNDERSEA CRAFT--
A RESEMBLANCE WHICH IS FAR MORE INTENTIONAL THAN ACCIDENTAL--
--CONSIDERING WHO THE CREATOR, AND SOLE OCCUPANT IS!
IT'S STRANGE HOW CHEERFUL I SEEM TO FEEL--
--SINCE I PLAN TO BE MOST FOULLY MURDERED DURING THE NEXT FEW MINUTES!
AND THERE-- DIRECTLY AHEAD-- IS THE PERFECT SETTING FOR SO BRILLIANT A PLOT!
BZZZ
A PLOT IN WHICH DAREDEVIL IS SOON TO BE THE UNWITTING VICTIM!
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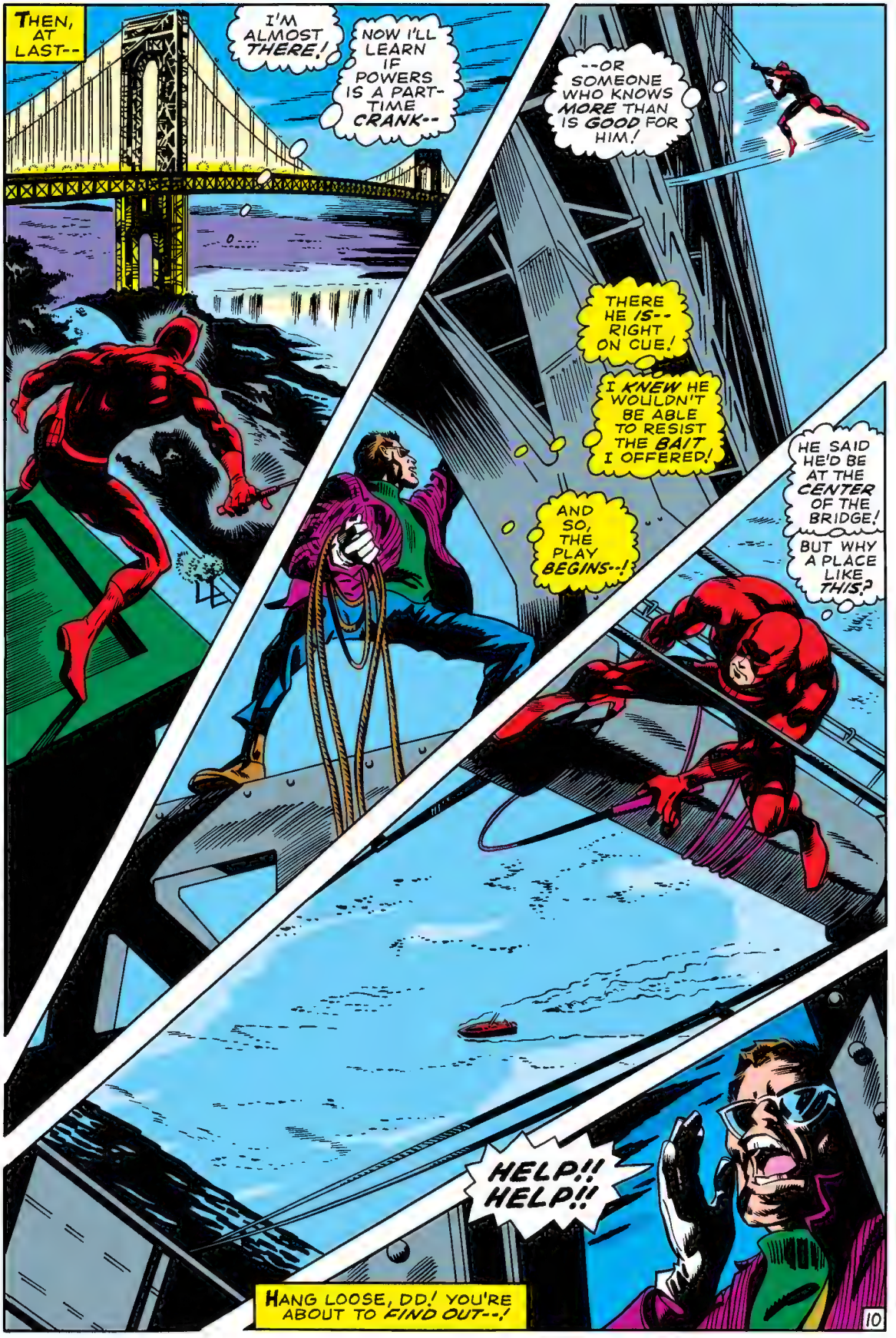
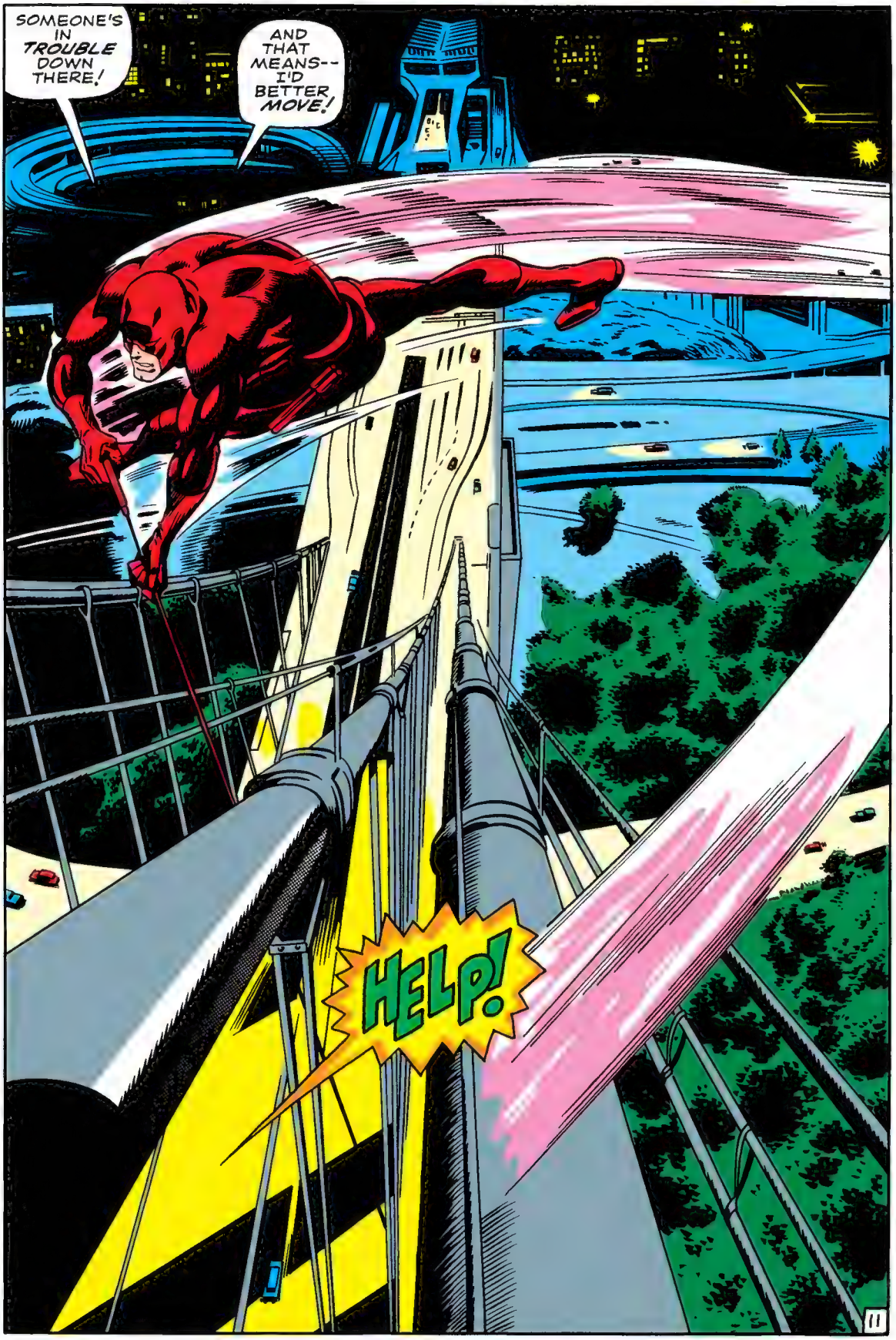

THEN, AT LAST--
I'M ALMOST THERE!
NOW I'LL LEARN IF POWERS IS A PART-TIME CRANK--
--OR SOMEONE WHO KNOWS MORE THAN IS GOOD FOR HIM!
THERE HE IS-- RIGHT ON CUE!
I KNEW HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THE BAIT I OFFERED!
AND SO, THE PLAY BEGINS--!
HE SAID HE'D BE AT THE CENTER OF THE BRIDGE! BUT WHY A PLACE LIKE THIS?
HELP!! HELP!!
HANG LOOSE, DD! YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT--!


SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE DOWN THERE!
AND THAT MEANS-- I'D BETTER MOVE!
HELP!

THERE HE IS, THE STUPID, SWAGGERING, SELF-RIGHTEOUS BUFFOON!
DOWN HERE--QUICK! QUICK! I CAN'T--HOLD ON--ANY LONGER!
WHAT'S THE PITCH, PAL? YOU'RE IN NO DANGER! YOU JUST--HEY!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, MASKED MAN!
I'M IN NO DANGER WHATSOEVER!
LITTLE DOES HE DREAM--THAT THIS IS MY GREATEST--MY MOST MONUMENTAL PERFORMANCE!
A PITY WE CANNOT SAY THE SAME--FOR YOU!
MUST KEEP HIM BUSY--OFF-BALANCE--TILL I'M SURE THERE ARE WITNESSES PRESENT!
IT'S A TRAP OF SOME SORT! BUT WHO? WHY? WAIT--THAT VOICE!
I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE! IT WAS DIFFERENT--MORE MUFFLED--MORE FRANTIC--BUT IT WAS HIM!
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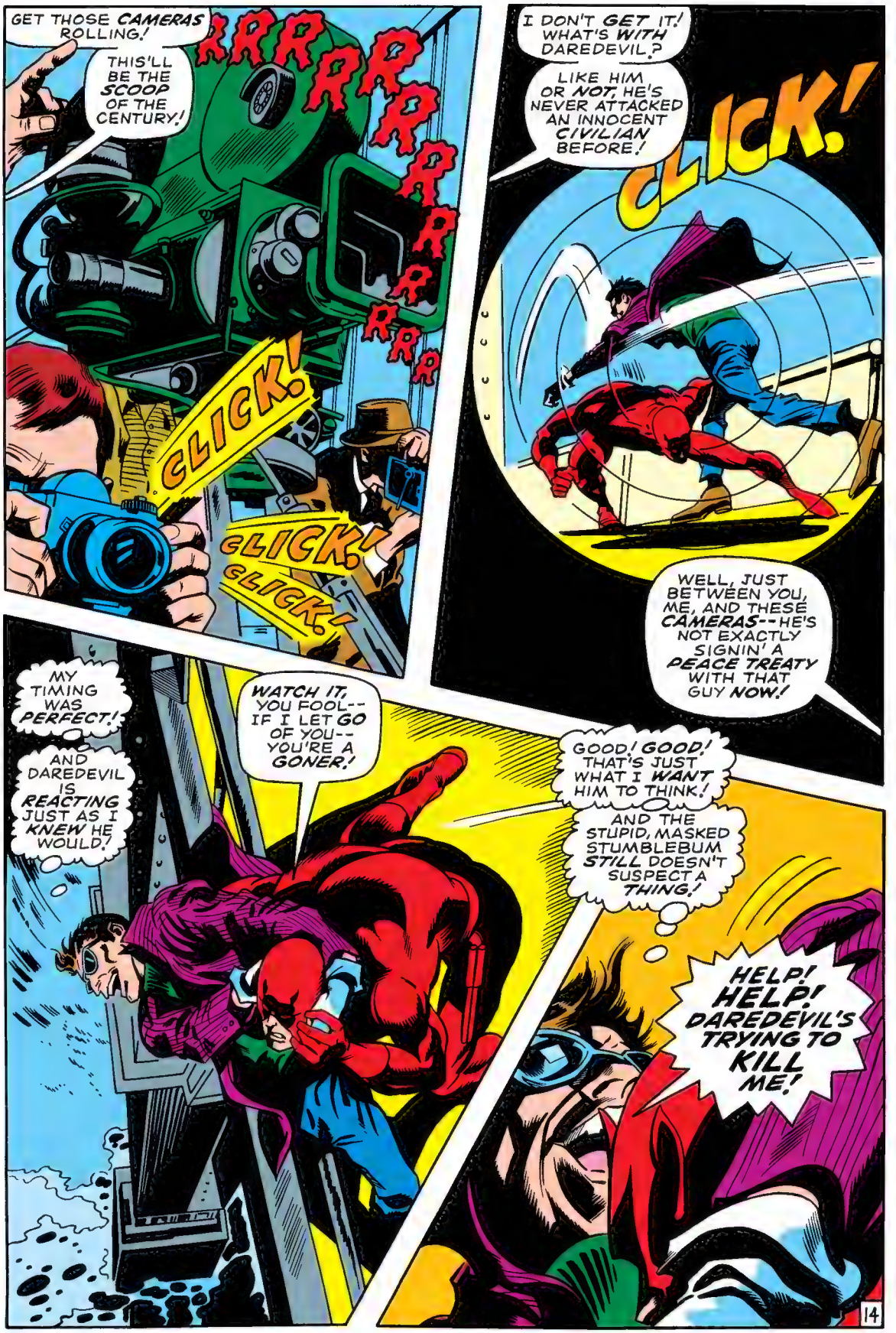
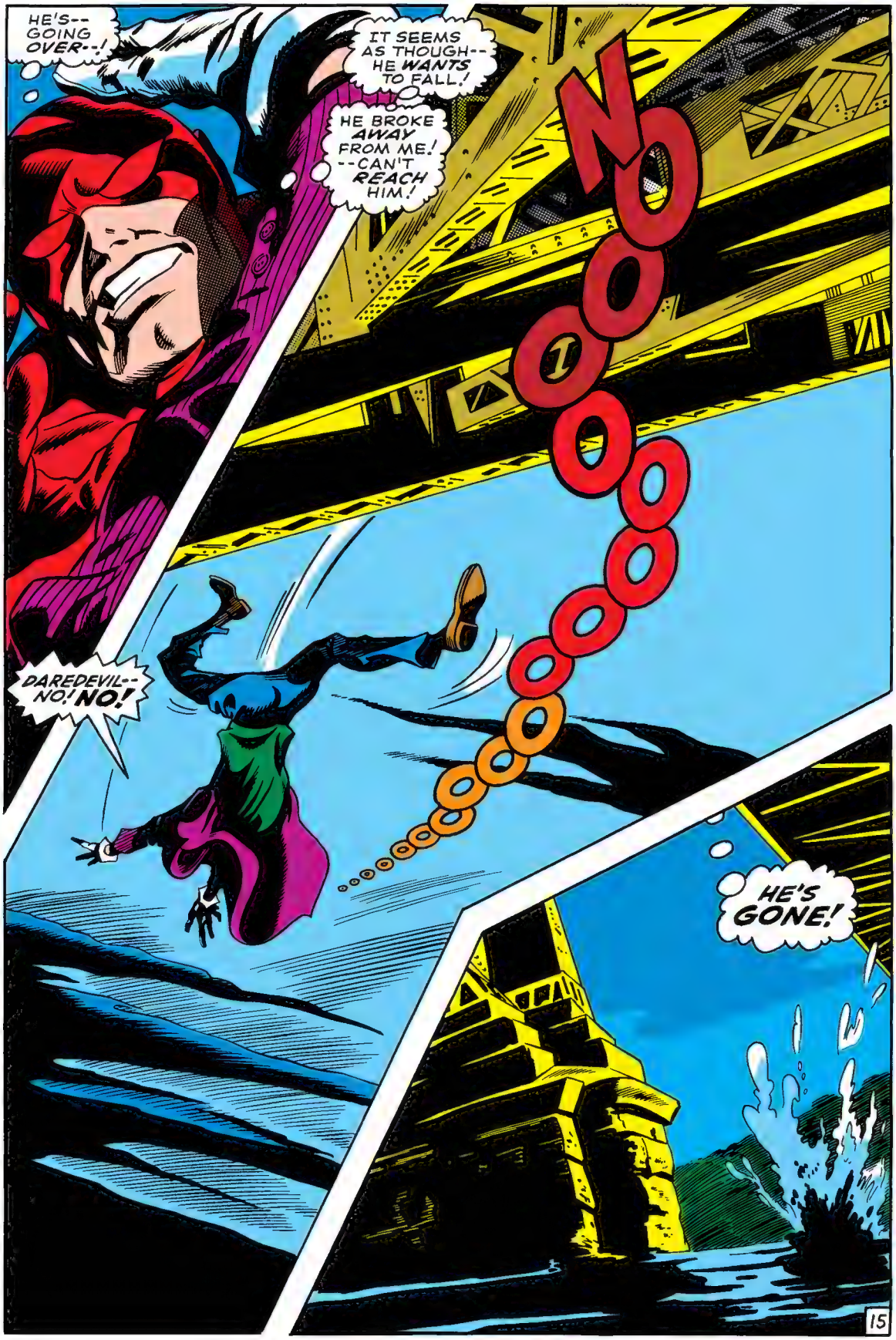
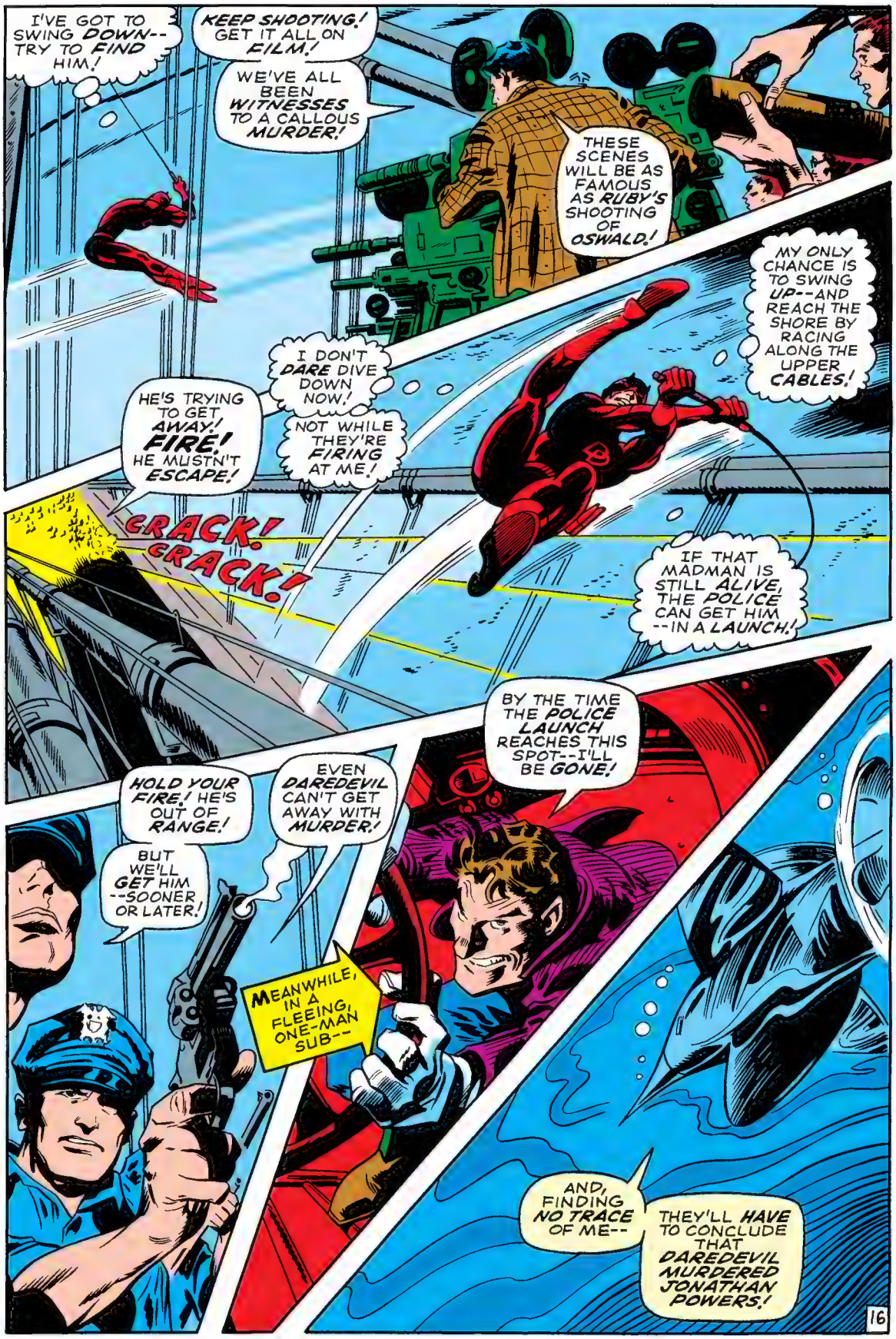
STILL, I HEAR SO MANY VOICES-- AND THEY ALL MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES--!
HEY, DD--STOP SPECULATING AND START SLUGGING!
THIS GUY'S GOOD!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO, CHARLIE--
BUT YOU PICKED YOURSELF THE WRONG PIGEON!
HAVE I? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
HE COUNTERS MY BLOWS LIKE A PRO--BUT HE'S NOT TRYING TO HIT BACK YET! WHY??
IF SOMEONE DOESN'T GET HERE SOON, I'M IN TROUBLE!
I CAN FIGHT HIM AS THE JESTER--BUT NOW, WITHOUT MY LITTLE PROPS, I-- -UHHH!-
DAREDEVIL-- USING POWERS FOR A PUNCHING BAG!
HE MUST BE TRYING TO SILENCE HIM!
HEY! IT'S A GOOD THING WE SHOWED UP! LOOK!
THEY'RE HERE! AND JUST IN TIME!


GET THOSE CAMERAS ROLLING!
THIS'LL BE THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY!
RRRRRRRRRRR
CLICK!
CLICK!
CLICK!
I DON'T GET IT! WHAT'S WITH DAREDEVIL?
LIKE HIM, OR NOT, HE'S NEVER ATTACKED AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN BEFORE!
CLICK!
WELL, JUST BETWEEN YOU, ME, AND THESE CAMERAS--HE'S NOT EXACTLY SIGNIN' A PEACE TREATY WITH THAT GUY NOW!
MY TIMING WAS PERFECT!
AND DAREDEVIL IS REACTING JUST AS I KNEW HE WOULD!
WATCH IT, YOU FOOL-- IF I LET GO OF YOU-- YOU'RE A GONER!
GOOD! GOOD! THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT HIM TO THINK!
AND THE STUPID, MASKED STUMBLEBUM STILL DOESN'T SUSPECT A THING!
HELP! HELP! DAREDEVIL'S TRYING TO KILL ME!


HE'S-- GOING OVER--!
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH-- HE WANTS TO FALL!
HE BROKE AWAY FROM ME! --CAN'T REACH HIM!
NOOO


I'VE GOT TO SWING DOWN--TRY TO FIND HIM!
KEEP SHOOTING! GET IT ALL ON FILM!
WE'VE ALL BEEN WITNESSES TO A CALLOUS MURDER!
THESE SCENES WILL BE AS FAMOUS AS RUBY'S SHOOTING OF OSWALD!
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO SWING UP--AND REACH THE SHORE BY RACING ALONG THE UPPER CABLES!
I DON'T DARE DIVE DOWN NOW!
NOT WHILE THEY'RE FIRING AT ME!
HE'S TRYING TO GET AWAY! FIRE! HE MUSTN'T ESCAPE!
CRACK! CRACK!
IF THAT MADMAN IS STILL ALIVE, THE POLICE CAN GET HIM --IN A LAUNCH!
BY THE TIME THE POLICE LAUNCH REACHES THIS SPOT--I'LL BE GONE!
EVEN DAREDEVIL CAN'T GET AWAY WITH MURDER!
HOLD YOUR FIRE! HE'S OUT OF RANGE!
BUT WE'LL GET HIM --SOONER OR LATER!
MEANWHILE, IN A FLEEING, ONE-MAN SUB--
AND, FINDING NO TRACE OF ME--
THEY'LL HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT DAREDEVIL MURDERED JONATHAN POWERS!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT THE MIDTOWN OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, WE FIND A STARTLED FOGGY NELSON CATCHING UP ON THE DAY'S EVENTS--
WHEN MIKE MURDOCK WAS DAREDEVIL, HE'D NEVER HAVE DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
EVEN IF HE WAS AN OBNOXIOUS WISE-GUY, HE WASN'T A KILLER!
WELL, WHOEVER THIS MASKED MURDERER IS, HE WON'T --WAIT A MINUTE!!
WHAT'S THIS??
A FILMED REPORT OF THE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION THAT WAS HELD ON THE MALL, EARLIER THIS MORNING!
AND, RIGHT OUT IN FRONT-- WITH THE LEADERS OF THE MARCH--IT'S DEBBIE!
ELIMINATE POVERTY AND
OH NO! NOT HER! AND ESPECIALLY --NOT NOW!
MURDOCK AND NELSON
MINUTES LATER--
FOGGY! GUESS WHERE I WAS THIS MORNING!
I DON'T HAVE TO GUESS! I WAS WATCHING TV--I SAW YOU!
ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU ONCE SERVED A TERM IN PRISON? DO YOU HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC CONTROVERSY, TOO??
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I'M RUNNING FOR D.A. THIS YEAR??
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN MY CHANCES?!!
COME OFF IT, LOVE OF MY LIFE!
A PERSON HAS TO STAND FOR SOMETHING THESE DAYS!
IF YOU'D PREFER TO MARRY A VEGETABLE, I'LL STILL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK!
I LOVE YOU, BLAST IT! I WANT TO MARRY YOU! BUT--!!
SORRY, PARTNER! YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE!
MATT!! MAYBE YOU CAN DRUM SOME SENSE INTO HER!
I SURE CAN'T!
HOW CAN YOU EXPECT HER TO BE SENSIBLE? SHE'S A FEMALE!
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HE'S ANGRY BECAUSE I WAS PART OF THIS MORNING'S PROTEST MARCH, MATT!
I KNOW HOW CONSERVATIVE YOU ARE, FOGGY--BUT REMEMBER THIS--
IF WASHINGTON WERE ALIVE TODAY, WE'D CALL HIM A PROTESTER!
BUT I'M RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE--
AND DEBBIE IS MY FIANCEE!
THEN THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS, MISTER!
I WISH--THE GIRL I LOVE--WERE MY FIANCEE!
BUT, SINCE OUR HERO CAN'T HAVE THE ONE HE LOVES, LET'S VISIT A CAT WHO HATES HIM--
KEEP THAT CAMERA GRINDING, IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE!
MY LITTLE ROBOTS MAY RESEMBLE TOYS --BUT THEIR WEAPONS ARE AS LETHAL AS THEY LOOK!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, JESTER!
SILENCE!
IF ANY SPEECHES ARE CALLED FOR, I WILL MAKE THEM!
NOBODY CAN BREAK INTO A TV STUDIO AND FORCE HIMSELF TO BE VIEWED BY MILLIONS!
YOUR CORNY THREATS CAN'T--
UNHHH!
THE JESTER IS FAR MORE QUALIFIED!
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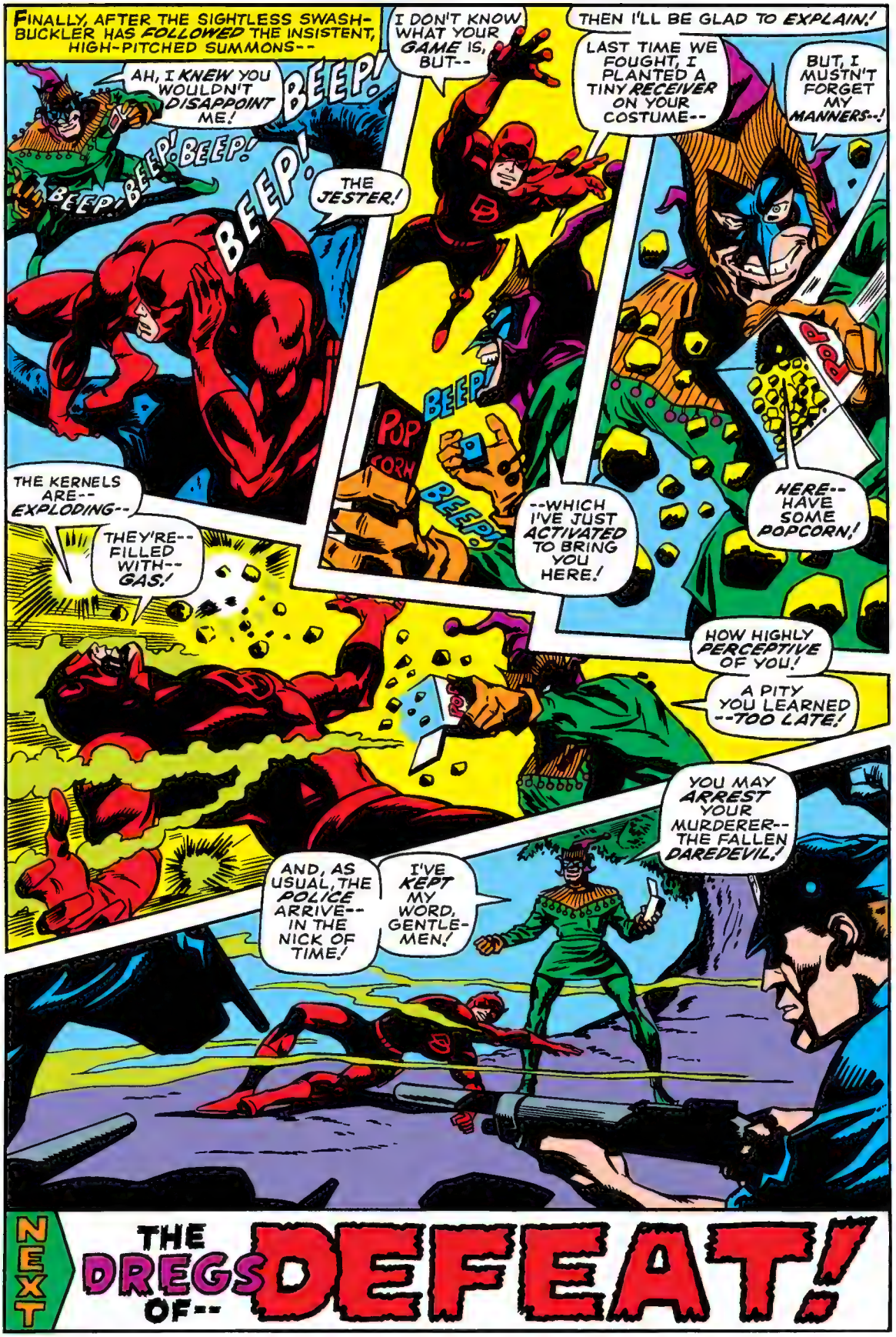
NOW HEAR THIS!
I AM ABOUT TO PROVE HOW PUBLIC-SPIRITED THE JESTER IS!
AS A BOON TO THIS FAIR CITY OF OURS, I PROMISE TO CAPTURE THE MERCILESS MURDERER KNOWN AS DAREDEVIL!
SOON--VERY SOON--THE WORLD WILL SEE THAT THE JESTER IS TRULY THE "GOOD GUY"!
THE JESTER! I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHEN HE'D SHOW UP AGAIN!
HE'S HEARD WHAT HAPPENED ON THE BRIDGE AND DECIDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D FEEL THIS WAY--
BUT, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED ON THE BRIDGE TODAY, I HOPE THE JESTER WINS!
A STRANGE, BEEPING SOUND--IN MY EARS--
NEVER HEARD ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!
WHOA, PARTNER! WHAT'S THE HURRY?
JUST REMEMBERED--I'M LATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT!
MAYBE DD CAN REACH THE STUDIO IN TIME!
BUT, THEN, MINUTES LATER--
BEEP! BEEP!
IT SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF SIGNAL--
GUIDING ME TOWARDS CENTRAL PARK!


FINALLY, AFTER THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER HAS FOLLOWED THE INSISTENT, HIGH-PITCHED SUMMONS--
AH, I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T DISAPPOINT ME!
BEEP!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
BEEP!
THE JESTER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, BUT--
THEN I'LL BE GLAD TO EXPLAIN!
LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, I PLANTED A TINY RECEIVER ON YOUR COSTUME--
BUT, I MUSTN'T FORGET MY MANNERS--!
POP
BEEP!
POP CORN
BEEP!
--WHICH I'VE JUST ACTIVATED TO BRING YOU HERE!
HERE-- HAVE SOME POPCORN!
THE KERNELS ARE-- EXPLODING--
THEY'RE-- FILLED WITH-- GAS!
HOW HIGHLY PERCEPTIVE OF YOU!
A PITY YOU LEARNED --TOO LATE!
YOU MAY ARREST YOUR MURDERER-- THE FALLEN DAREDEVIL!
AND, AS USUAL, THE POLICE ARRIVE-- IN THE NICK OF TIME!
I'VE KEPT MY WORD, GENTLEMEN!
NEXT
THE DREGS OF-- DEFEAT!

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"THE DISMAL DREGS OF DEFEAT!"
DON'T MOVE, DAREDEVIL!
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!
HOW ABOUT THAT? THE JESTER TRAPPED 'IM!
TO THINK I CAUGHT THE ELUSIVE DAREDEVIL WITH A FEW CENTS WORTH OF POPCORN!
NO NEED TO MENTION THAT I MIXED MY OWN POWERFUL GAS PELLETS INSIDE THE KERNELS OF CORN!
HERE IS YOUR MURDERER, GENTLEMEN! COMPLIMENTS OF THE JESTER!
I'VE BEEN FRAMED--- FOR MURDER!
BUT, HOW AM I GONNA PROVE IT?
A PANICKY PRODUCTION BY:
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FOR THOSE UNFORTUNATES WHO WEREN'T WITH US LAST ISH (SHAME ON YOU!), THE JESTER, IN HIS CIVILIAN IDENTITY, FOUGHT WITH DD ATOP A BRIDGE, AND THEN FAKED HIS OWN DEATH--IN SUCH A WAY THAT OUR HERO IS ACCUSED OF HIS "MURDER"! AND NOW--
YOU'VE BEEN A BAAAD BOY, DAREDEVIL! WE'RE ALL ASHAMED OF YOU!
OKAY, JESTER-- STAND ASIDE!
WE'RE NOT AIMIN' TO MAKE A FLOOR SHOW OUTTA THIS!
AND THERE'S THE JESTER-- TRYIN' TO PUT 'IM DOWN!
IT'S DAREDEVIL! THE FUZZ ARE CLOSIN' IN ON HIM!
THAT'S NO PUT ON, MAN! IT'S FOR REAL!
DON'TCHA DIG IT? THEY'RE REHEARSIN' FOR HALLOWEEN!
HEY, LOOK! WHAT'S THE BIG SCENE OVER THERE?
REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT?
I WARNED YOU THAT THE JESTER WOULD HAVE HIS REVENGE!
FORGIVE ME FOR GLOATING, BUT YOU LOOK SO LAUGH-ABLE DOWN THERE!
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE ANOTHER PIECE OF POPCORN--FOR A PICK-ME-UP?
SURE, BIG MOUTH-- I'LL TAKE ONE!
SO, HE'S STILL GOT SOME MORE OF THOSE GAS CAPSULES, EH?
THAT'S ALL I WANNA KNOW!
POP CORN
THAT'S IT! JUST A LITTLE CLOSER--!
BRACE YOURSELF, DD-- HERE IT COMES--!!
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SPLAK!
UNHHH!
GOT 'IM!
DIDN'T EVEN GIVE HIM TIME TO HOLD HIS BREATH!
IF I'M LUCKY, THE FUMES WILL MAKE THE BLUECOATS SLUGGISH, TOO!
STOP --OR WE'LL SHOOT!
SEE YA AROUND, GANG!
IF I CAN MAKE IT TO THE TREE TOPS, I'LL LOSE MYSELF WITHIN THE FOLIAGE!
WHETHER THE GAS FUMES TRULY HAMPER THE LAWMEN'S AIM--OR WHETHER SOME SUBCONSCIOUS INSTINCT PREVENTS THEM FROM HARMING THE MAN THEY HAD ONCE RESPECTED, WE DO NOT KNOW--
BAM BAM
KRAK!
--BUT, SUFFICE IT TO SAY, THE VOLLEY OF SHOTS FALL SHORT OF THEIR MARK, AND--
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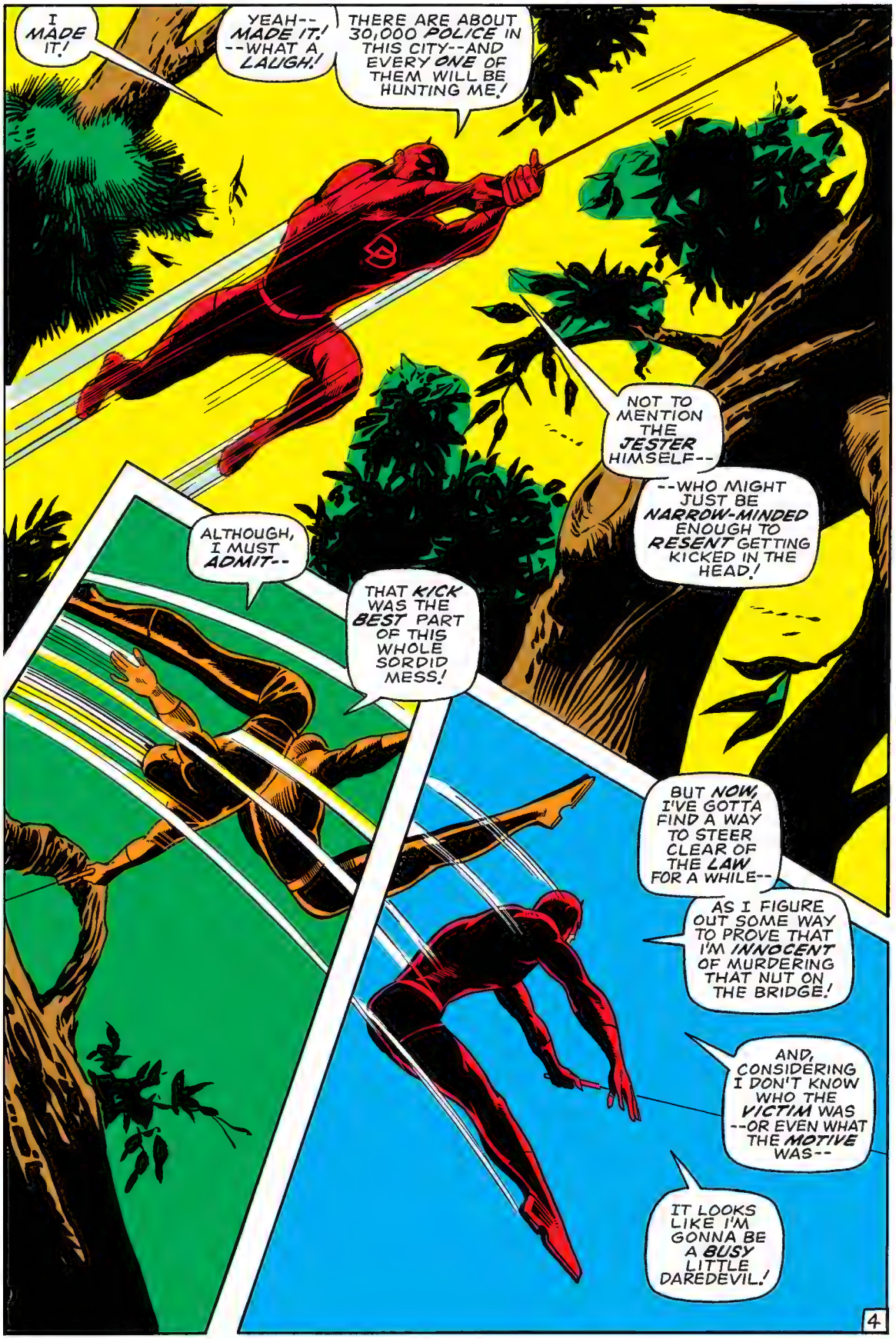
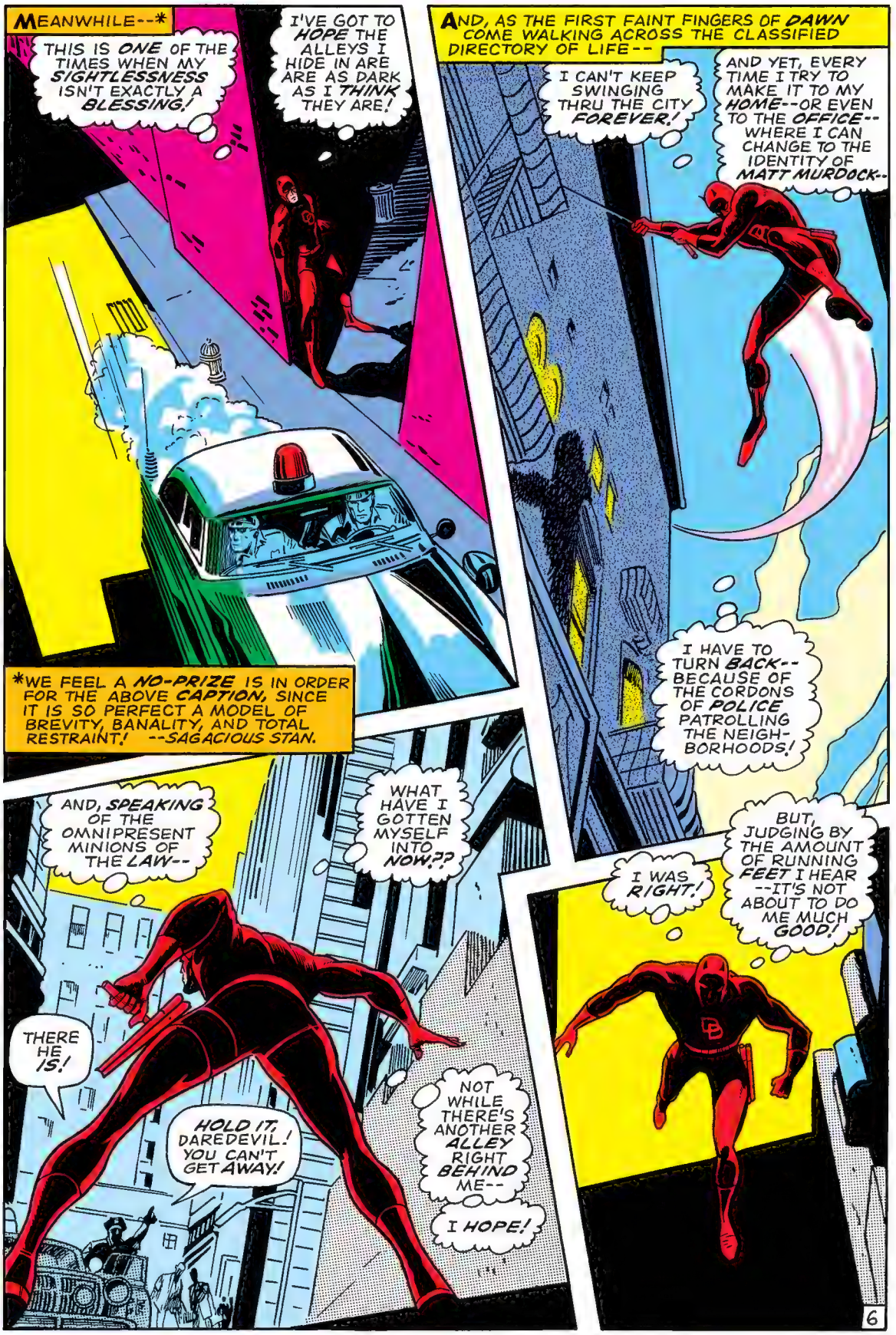
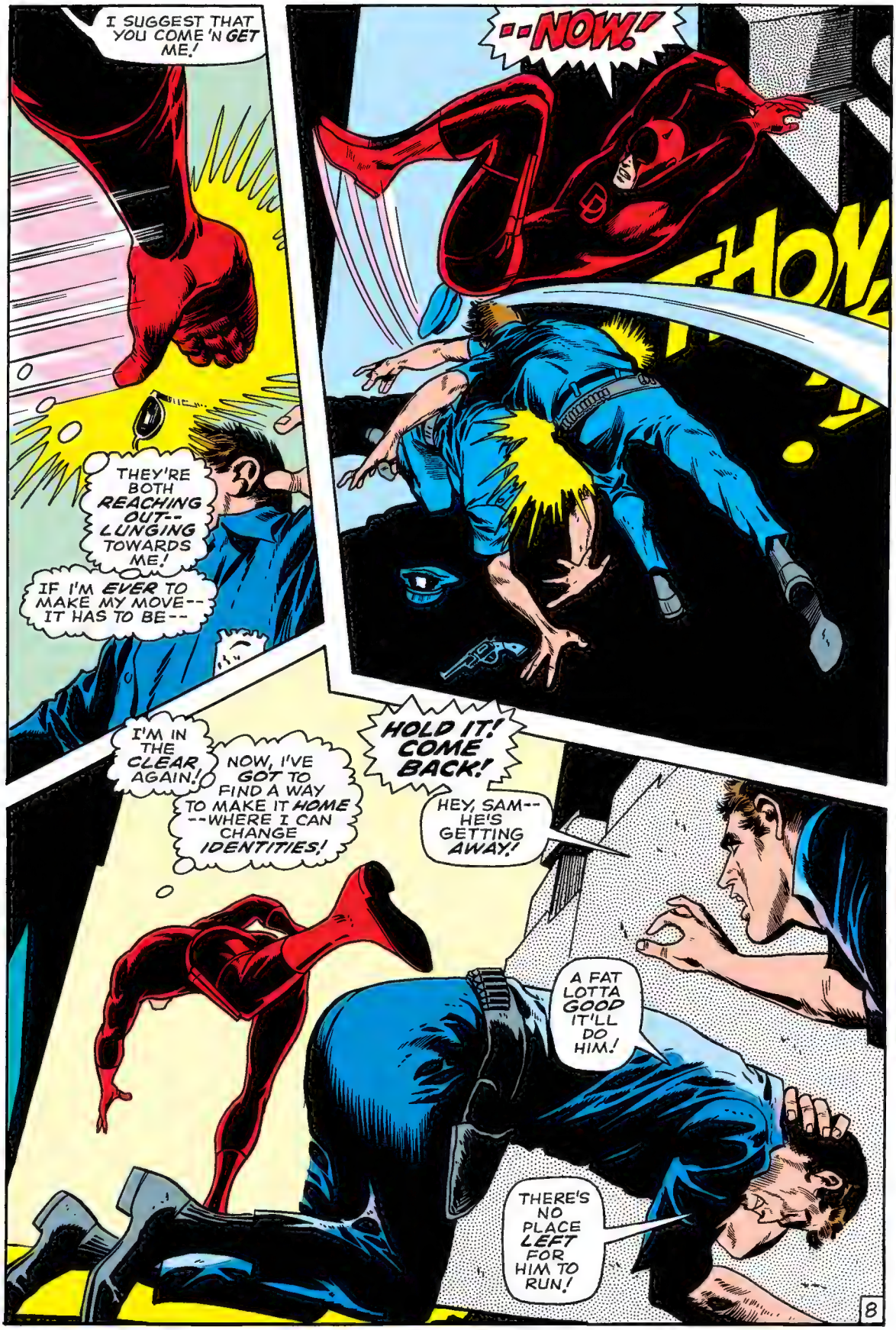

I MADE IT!
YEAH-- MADE IT! --WHAT A LAUGH!
THERE ARE ABOUT 30,000 POLICE IN THIS CITY--AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL BE HUNTING ME!
NOT TO MENTION THE JESTER HIMSELF--
--WHO MIGHT JUST BE NARROW-MINDED ENOUGH TO RESENT GETTING KICKED IN THE HEAD!
ALTHOUGH, I MUST ADMIT--
THAT KICK WAS THE BEST PART OF THIS WHOLE SORDID MESS!
BUT NOW, I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO STEER CLEAR OF THE LAW FOR A WHILE--
AS I FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO PROVE THAT I'M INNOCENT OF MURDERING THAT NUT ON THE BRIDGE!
AND, CONSIDERING I DON'T KNOW WHO THE VICTIM WAS --OR EVEN WHAT THE MOTIVE WAS--
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA BE A BUSY LITTLE DAREDEVIL!

AND, AT THAT MOMENT--
LET HIM RUN--THE ARROGANT, COSTUMED FOOL!
THERE'LL BE NO PLACE FOR HIM TO TURN-- NO PLACE HE CAN HIDE!
EVEN IF HE ABANDONS HIS DAREDEVIL IDENTITY IN AN EFFORT TO ESCAPE, I'LL STILL HAVE WON!
--FOR I VOWED TO DESTROY DAREDEVIL --AND DESTROY HIM I HAVE!
WHILE MANAGING TO GET IN SOLID WITH THE UNSUSPECTING POLICE AT THE SAME TIME!
IT'S AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN! THAT FELLA'S FAST!
AND, IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOW--
IF I COULD BE THE ONE TO CAPTURE HIM AGAIN--
I COULD PROBABLY BE ELECTED MAYOR OF THIS TOWN!
SO--I'LL ABANDON MY OWN CAREER OF CRIME FOR THE NEXT LITTLE WHILE!
AFTER ALL--IT'S FOR A MOST WORTHY CAUSE!


MEANWHILE--*
THIS IS ONE OF THE TIMES WHEN MY SIGHTLESSNESS ISN'T EXACTLY A BLESSING!
I'VE GOT TO HOPE THE ALLEYS I HIDE IN ARE ARE AS DARK AS I THINK THEY ARE!
*WE FEEL A NO-PRIZE IS IN ORDER FOR THE ABOVE CAPTION, SINCE IT IS SO PERFECT A MODEL OF BREVITY, BANALITY, AND TOTAL RESTRAINT! --SAGACIOUS STAN.
AND, AS THE FIRST FAINT FINGERS OF DAWN COME WALKING ACROSS THE CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY OF LIFE--
I CAN'T KEEP SWINGING THRU THE CITY FOREVER!
AND YET, EVERY TIME I TRY TO MAKE IT TO MY HOME--OR EVEN TO THE OFFICE--WHERE I CAN CHANGE TO THE IDENTITY OF MATT MURDOCK--
I HAVE TO TURN BACK--BECAUSE OF THE CORDONS OF POLICE PATROLLING THE NEIGHBORHOODS!
AND, SPEAKING OF THE OMNIPRESENT MINIONS OF THE LAW--
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO NOW??
THERE HE IS!
HOLD IT, DAREDEVIL! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!
NOT WHILE THERE'S ANOTHER ALLEY RIGHT BEHIND ME--
I HOPE!
I WAS RIGHT!
BUT, JUDGING BY THE AMOUNT OF RUNNING FEET I HEAR --IT'S NOT ABOUT TO DO ME MUCH GOOD!

HE TRAPPED HIMSELF NOW!
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT OF THAT ALLEY!
I HEAR ONE EXCITED SET OF HEARTBEATS ON EACH SIDE OF ME!
AND EVEN A BLIND MAN KNOWS WHAT THAT MEANS!
START THINKING, MURDOCK--LIKE FAST!
I'VE GOT TO STALL--SOMEHOW --TILL I CAN MANEUVER THEM INTO THE RIGHT POSITION!
OKAY, MISTER--HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
LET'S TAKE 'IM!
SAY! THIS SURE IS AWFULLY FRIENDLY OF YOU!
NOT MANY COPS WOULD TAKE ALL THIS TROUBLE TO MAKE SURE I DON'T GET MYSELF MUGGED IN THIS DANGEROUS NEIGHBORHOOD!
I'VE A GOOD MIND TO RECOMMEND YOU BOTH FOR CITATIONS!
THAT'S MIGHTY NICE OF YOU, PAL! NOW START WALKIN'!
ACTUALLY, GENTS--I'M A LITTLE BIT TIRED!
SO, IF YOU REALLY WANT ME--


I SUGGEST THAT YOU COME 'N GET ME!
--NOW!"
THEY'RE BOTH REACHING OUT-- LUNGING TOWARDS ME!
IF I'M EVER TO MAKE MY MOVE-- IT HAS TO BE--
I'M IN THE CLEAR AGAIN!
NOW, I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT HOME --WHERE I CAN CHANGE IDENTITIES!
HOLD IT! COME BACK!
HEY, SAM-- HE'S GETTING AWAY!
A FAT LOTTA GOOD IT'LL DO HIM!
THERE'S NO PLACE LEFT FOR HIM TO RUN!
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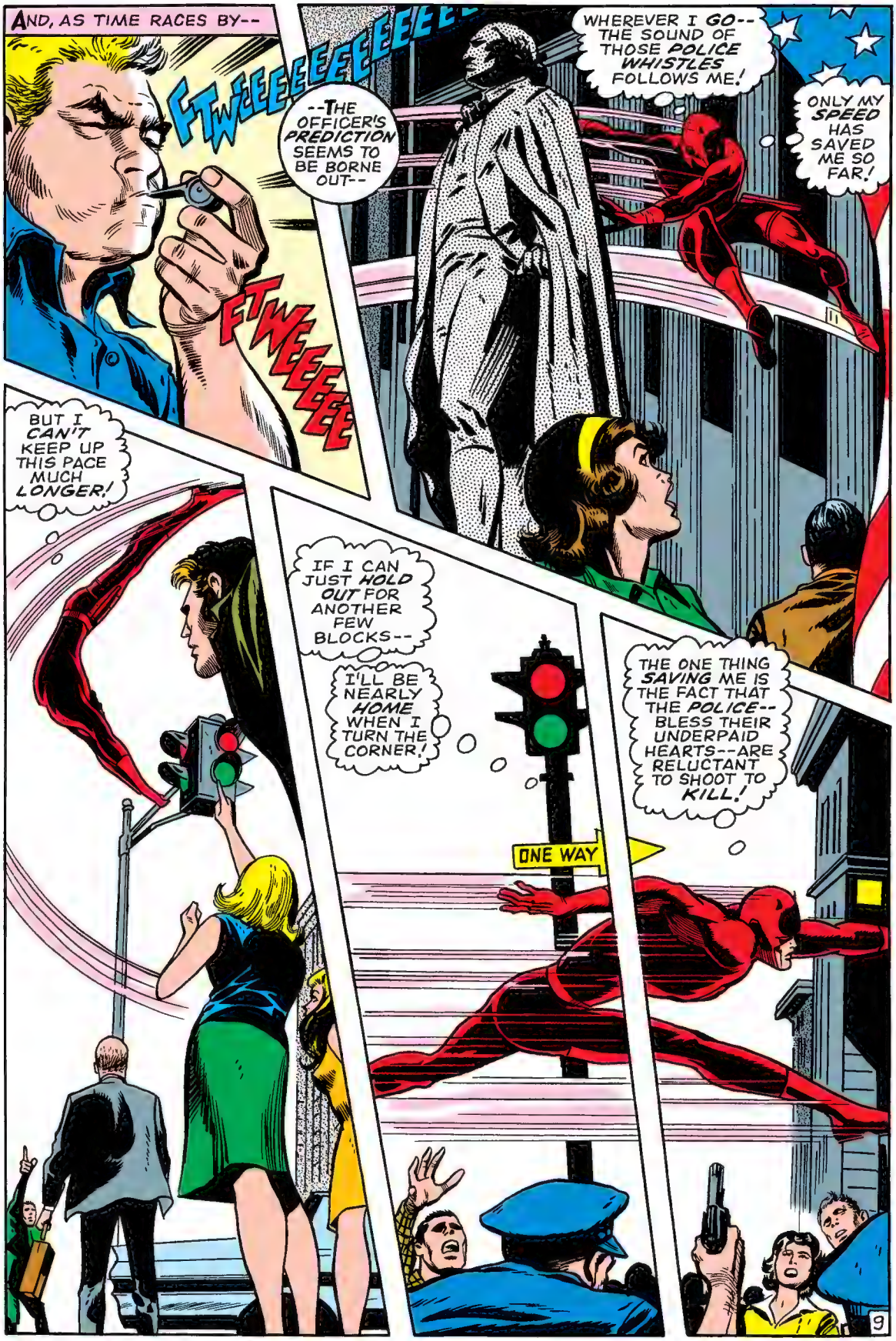
AND, AS TIME RACES BY--
FTWEEEEEEEEEE
--THE OFFICER'S PREDICTION SEEMS TO BE BORNE OUT--
FTWEEEEEEE
WHEREVER I GO--THE SOUND OF THOSE POLICE WHISTLES FOLLOWS ME!
ONLY MY SPEED HAS SAVED ME SO FAR!
BUT I CAN'T KEEP UP THIS PACE MUCH LONGER!
IF I CAN JUST HOLD OUT FOR ANOTHER FEW BLOCKS--
I'LL BE NEARLY HOME WHEN I TURN THE CORNER!
THE ONE THING SAVING ME IS THE FACT THAT THE POLICE--BLESS THEIR UNDERPAID HEARTS--ARE RELUCTANT TO SHOOT TO KILL!
ONE WAY
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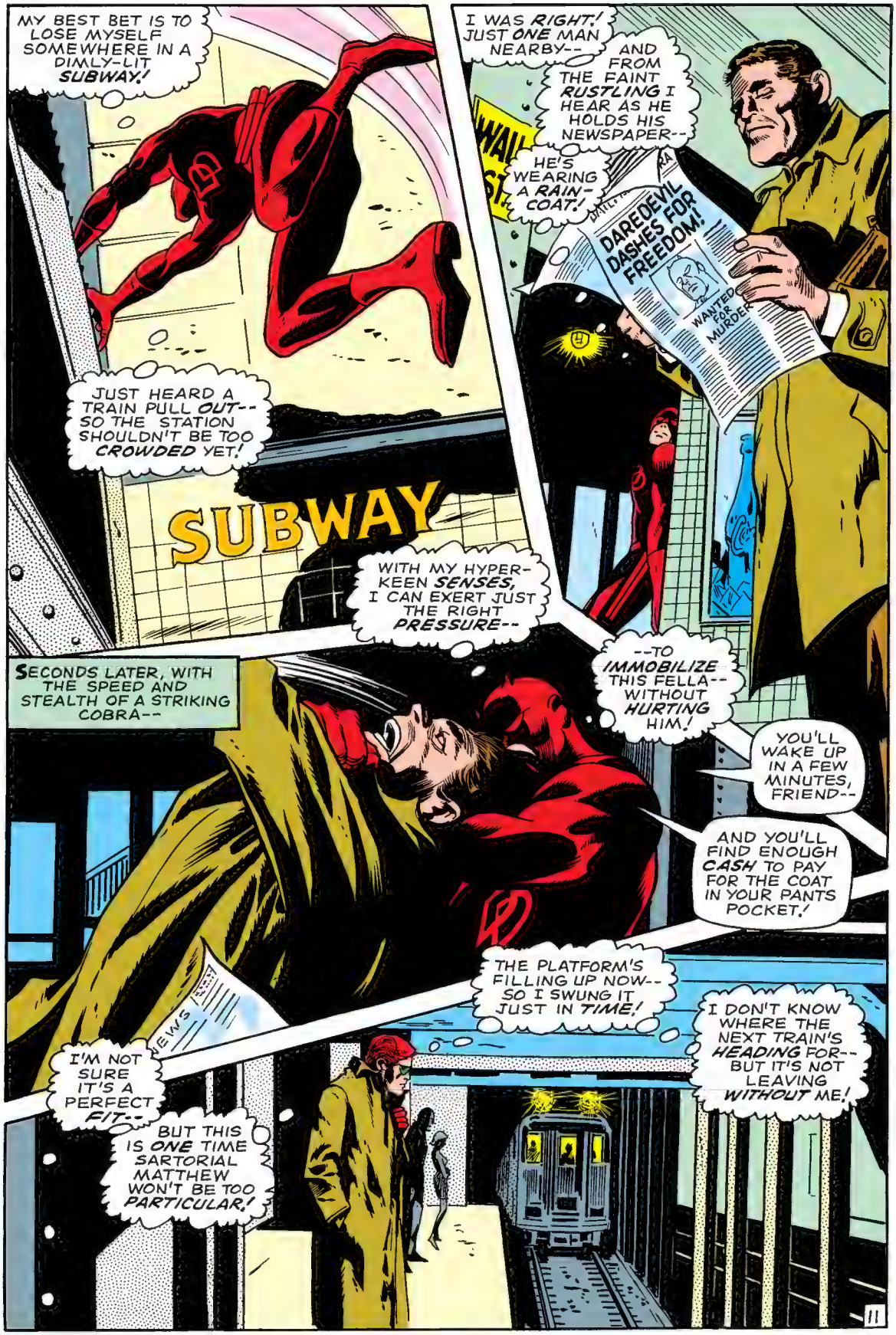
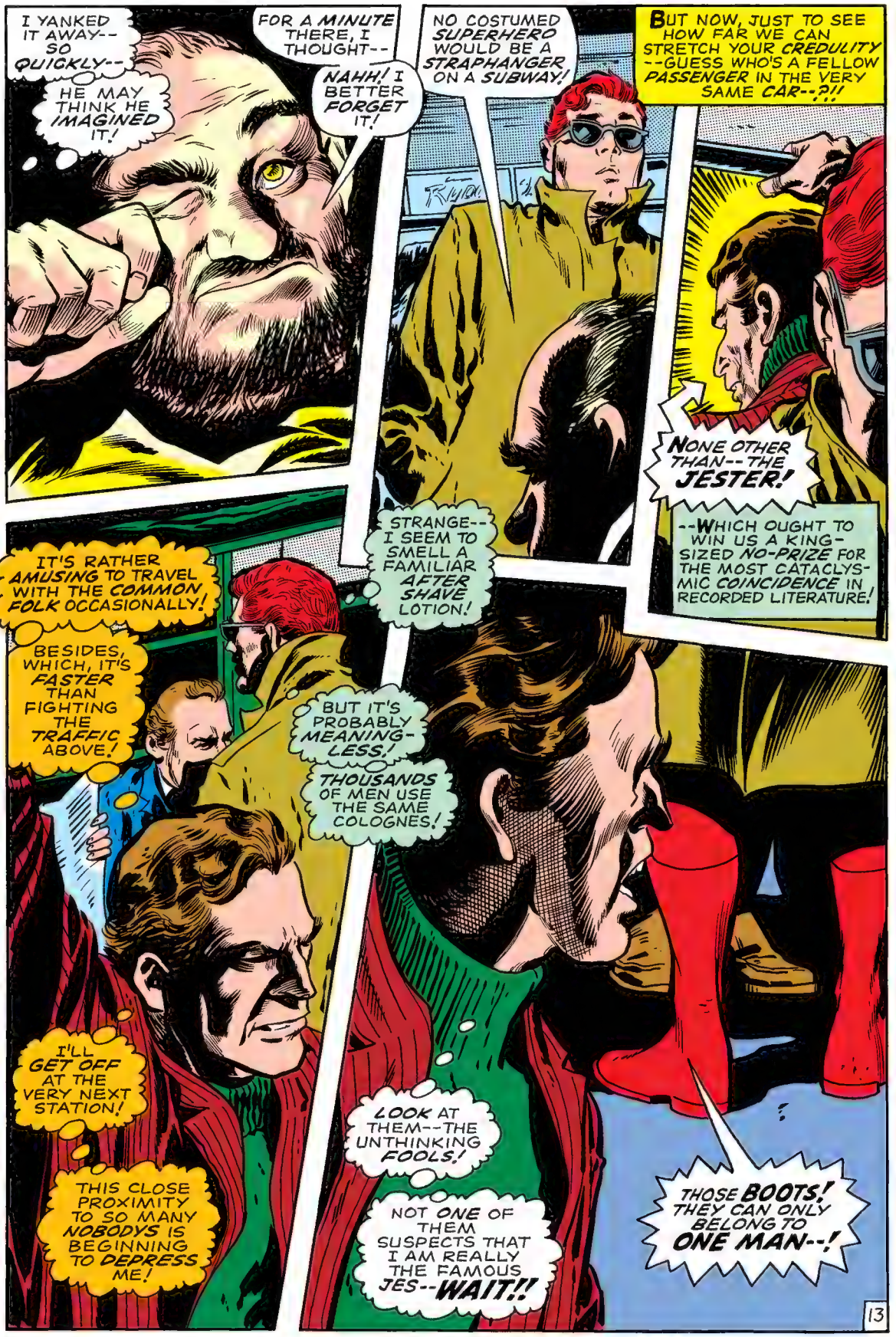
BUT, UPON REACHING HIS DESTINATION--
IT'S NO USE! THE WHOLE AREA'S CORDONED OFF!
I SHOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED IT!
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT NELSON AND MURDOCK HAVE BEEN FRIENDLY WITH DAREDEVIL!
SO WHAT'S MORE NATURAL THAN TO PUT A STAKE-OUT AT WHERE WE LIVE--AND WHERE WE WORK!
BAM!
POLIC
THIS MEANS I HAVE TO REMAIN IN MY DAREDEVIL DUDS--
PING!
--MAKING ME A COSTUMED TARGET WHEREVER I RUN!
HOW DID I EVER GET INTO A MESS LIKE THIS?
AND, WHAT'S WORSE-- HOW DO I GET OUT OF IT??
WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE--
I'VE GOT TO STOP SWINGING-- BEFORE MY ARMS PULL A DROP-OUT ACT--
--OUT OF THEIR SOCKETS!


MY BEST BET IS TO LOSE MYSELF SOMEWHERE IN A DIMLY-LIT SUBWAY!
JUST HEARD A TRAIN PULL OUT-- SO THE STATION SHOULDN'T BE TOO CROWDED YET!
SUBWAY
I WAS RIGHT! JUST ONE MAN NEARBY--
AND FROM THE FAINT RUSTLING I HEAR AS HE HOLDS HIS NEWSPAPER--
HE'S WEARING A RAIN-COAT!
DAILY
DAREDEVIL DASHES FOR FREEDOM!
WANTED FOR MURDER
WITH MY HYPER-KEEN SENSES, I CAN EXERT JUST THE RIGHT PRESSURE--
SECONDS LATER, WITH THE SPEED AND STEALTH OF A STRIKING COBRA--
--TO IMMOBILIZE THIS FELLA-- WITHOUT HURTING HIM!
YOU'LL WAKE UP IN A FEW MINUTES, FRIEND--
AND YOU'LL FIND ENOUGH CASH TO PAY FOR THE COAT IN YOUR PANTS POCKET!
THE PLATFORM'S FILLING UP NOW-- SO I SWUNG IT JUST IN TIME!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE NEXT TRAIN'S HEADING FOR-- BUT IT'S NOT LEAVING WITHOUT ME!
I'M NOT SURE IT'S A PERFECT FIT--
BUT THIS IS ONE TIME SARTORIAL MATTHEW WON'T BE TOO PARTICULAR!

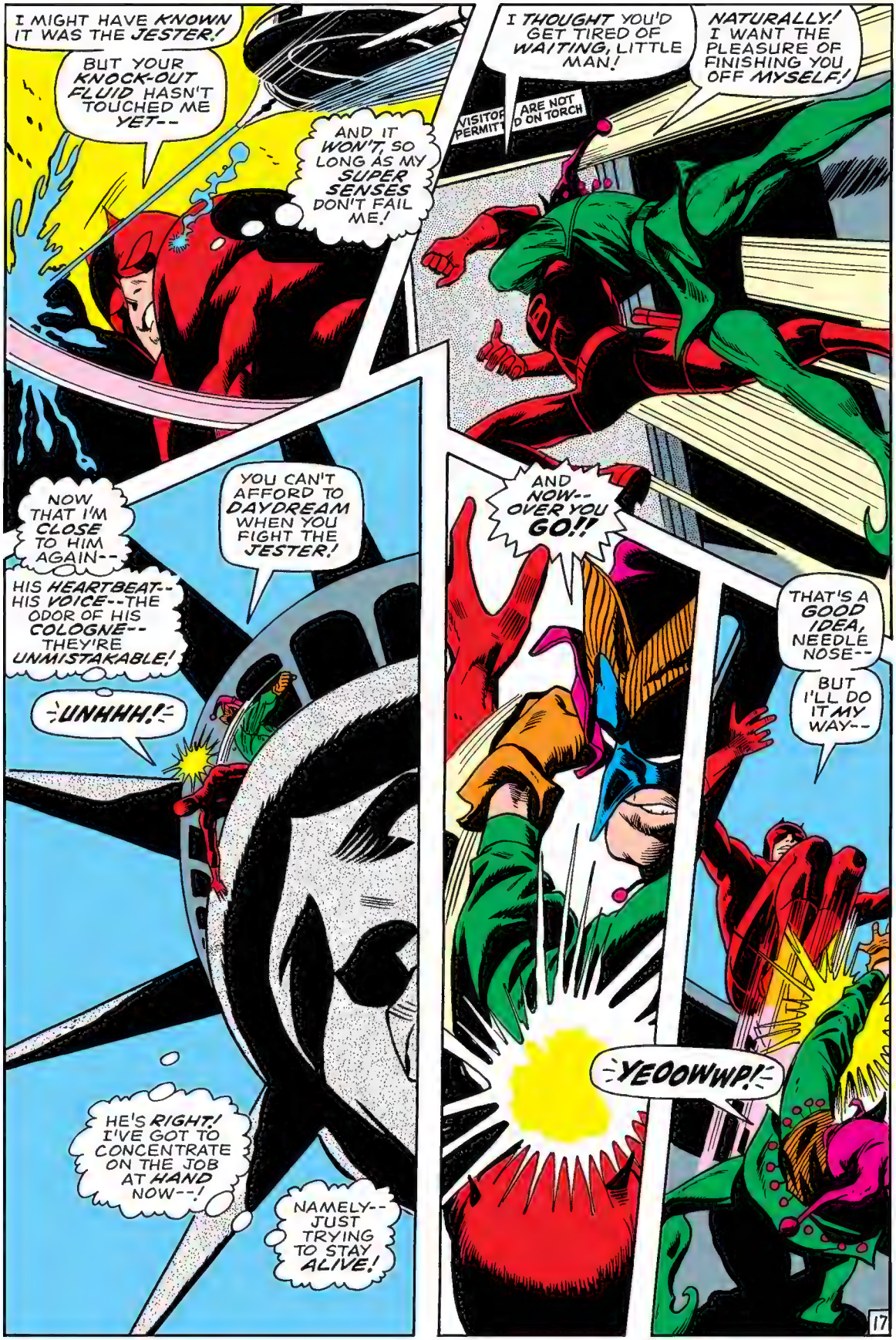
NOW THAT THE PRESSURE'S OFF FOR A MINUTE--
I CAN REALIZE HOW TIRED I REALLY AM!
I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE BEEN RUNNING FOR DAYS!
DRAGNET OUT FOR DAREDEVIL
SO FAR THE ELUSIVE DAREDEVIL HAS MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE POLICE
SUDDENLY, SPEEDING AROUND A CURVE, THE TRAIN LURCHES, AND--
THE MAN IN FRONT OF ME-- WHY IS HE GASPING THAT WAY?
I HEAR HIS PULSE QUICKEN-- HE'S SEEN SOMETHING THAT STARTLED HIM!
OF COURSE!! MY GLOVE!!
IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR A LAD WITH SUPER-SENSES--
TO FALL FLAT ON HIS FACE IN A CROWDED SUBWAY!
WHOOP!
--BETTER GRAB THE HANDRAIL--!


I YANKED IT AWAY-- SO QUICKLY--
HE MAY THINK HE IMAGINED IT!
FOR A MINUTE THERE, I THOUGHT--
NAHH! I BETTER FORGET IT!
NO COSTUMED SUPERHERO WOULD BE A STRAPHANGER ON A SUBWAY!
BUT NOW, JUST TO SEE HOW FAR WE CAN STRETCH YOUR CREDULITY --GUESS WHO'S A FELLOW PASSENGER IN THE VERY SAME CAR--?!!
NONE OTHER THAN-- THE JESTER!
--WHICH OUGHT TO WIN US A KING-SIZED NO-PRIZE FOR THE MOST CATACLYSMIC COINCIDENCE IN RECORDED LITERATURE!
STRANGE-- I SEEM TO SMELL A FAMILIAR AFTER SHAVE LOTION!
IT'S RATHER AMUSING TO TRAVEL WITH THE COMMON FOLK OCCASIONALLY!
BESIDES, WHICH, IT'S FASTER THAN FIGHTING THE TRAFFIC ABOVE!
BUT IT'S PROBABLY MEANINGLESS!
THOUSANDS OF MEN USE THE SAME COLOGNES!
I'LL GET OFF AT THE VERY NEXT STATION!
THIS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SO MANY NOBODYS IS BEGINNING TO DEPRESS ME!
LOOK AT THEM--THE UNTHINKING FOOLS!
NOT ONE OF THEM SUSPECTS THAT I AM REALLY THE FAMOUS JES--WAIT!!
THOSE BOOTS! THEY CAN ONLY BELONG TO ONE MAN--!

DAREDEVIL IS HERE-- RIGHT IN THIS CAR!
GET HIM!!
THAT VOICE! I KNOW IT! IT GOES WITH THE AFTER-SHAVE LOTION!
BUT NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT NOW!
MISTER, IN CASE NO ONE'S EVER TOLD YOU BEFORE--
YOU'VE GOT A BIIIIIG MOUTH!
SCRREEEEE
UH OH! SOMEONE MUST HAVE PULLED THE EMERGENCY BRAKE CORD!
BUT, PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL--!
THE SUDDEN STOP IS SPILLING EVERYONE TO THE FLOOR--
--EXCEPT DD!
THIS IS WHERE MY SUPER BALANCE SENSE REALLY PAYS OFF!
SKLANK-K!

I MUST HAVE BEEN MORE TIRED THAN I THOUGHT!
I SUDDENLY REALIZE WHAT GAVE ME AWAY-- MY BOOTS! I FORGOT THAT THEY'D BE EXPOSED!
BUT ANYWAY, THAT LITTLE REST WAS JUST WHAT I NEEDED!
AND NOW-- I'LL TAKE OFF AGAIN--!
EMERGE EXIT
I STILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO REACH FOGGY!
AND, SPEAKING OF THAT ESTIMABLE STALWART--
I DON'T GET IT, DEB!
IF YOU KNOW WHERE KAREN IS, WHY WON'T YOU TELL US?
BECAUSE SHE ASKED ME NOT TO, FOGGY!
BUT WHAT ABOUT MATT?
THE POOR GUY'S BEEN WEARING HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE SINCE SHE LEFT!
YOU KNOW HOW HE FEELS ABOUT HER!
HE SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT -- BEFORE HE DROVE HER AWAY!
BUT HE ONLY DID IT BECAUSE HE'S BLIND!
THE BIG LUG THOUGHT HE WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER!
AND NOW HE'S GONE-- WITH NO TELLING WHEN HE'LL BE BACK!
AND, I'VE A HUNCH WE'RE GONNA NEED HIM--
--TO DEFEND DAREDEVIL-- IF THE POLICE EVER CATCH HIM!
BUT, IF YOU THINK OUR PLOT'S GETTING COMPLICATED NOW--
JOIN US FOR A LEISURELY FERRY-BOAT RIDE TO BEDLOE'S ISLAND...
...WHERE YOU'LL FIND A COUPLE OF COLORFUL CHARACTERS HIDDEN ON BOARD--!

ONE OF THEM--THE JEERING, JAUNDICED JESTER--
IF HE THOUGHT ONE PUNCH WOULD STOP ME--
IT WAS THE BIGGEST MISCALCULATION OF HIS LIFE!
I'LL CLIMB UP TO THE--
SAY! WHAT'S THAT?
A DULL BUZZING BEHIND ME--GETTING LOUDER--!
BUZZ
ZZ
FLYING DISCS!
THE KIND THE JESTER THROWS!
AND THE OTHER--A DESPERATE, THOUGH DETERMINED DAREDEVIL--
IT'S LONELIER OUT HERE THAN IN THE CITY--
AND THE CHANCES ARE IT'S THE LAST PLACE THE POLICE WILL THINK TO LOOK FOR ME!
I'LL STAY JUST LONG ENOUGH TO SWAP A SUIT FOR MY COSTUME!
AND, ALL I CAN DO IS HOPE I MOVED SO FAST THAT NOBODY SAW MY FACE THERE ON THE SUBWAY!
ZZ
SQUIRTING SOME SORT OF LIQUID AT ME!
IN TRUTH, NOBODY DID SEE HIS FACE--BUT THERE'S ONE MAN WHO PLANS TO REMEDY THAT LITTLE OVERSIGHT--
THE STATUE'S DESERTED! IT'LL BE JUST DAREDEVIL--AND ME!
THAT MAKES IT ALMOST TOO EASY!
MUSTN'T LET IT TOUCH ME--!
IT'S A POTENT ANAESTHETIC!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, DAREDEVIL!


I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT WAS THE JESTER!
BUT YOUR KNOCK-OUT FLUID HASN'T TOUCHED ME YET--
AND IT WON'T, SO LONG AS MY SUPER SENSES DON'T FAIL ME!
I THOUGHT YOU'D GET TIRED OF WAITING, LITTLE MAN!
NATURALLY! I WANT THE PLEASURE OF FINISHING YOU OFF MYSELF!
VISITOR PERMIT
ARE NOT D ON TORCH
NOW THAT I'M CLOSE TO HIM AGAIN--
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO DAYDREAM WHEN YOU FIGHT THE JESTER!
HIS HEARTBEAT--HIS VOICE--THE ODOR OF HIS COLOGNE--THEY'RE UNMISTAKABLE!
-UNHHH!-
HE'S RIGHT! I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON THE JOB AT HAND NOW--!
NAMELY--JUST TRYING TO STAY ALIVE!
AND NOW--OVER YOU GO!!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, NEEDLE NOSE--
BUT I'LL DO IT MY WAY--
-YEOOWWP!-
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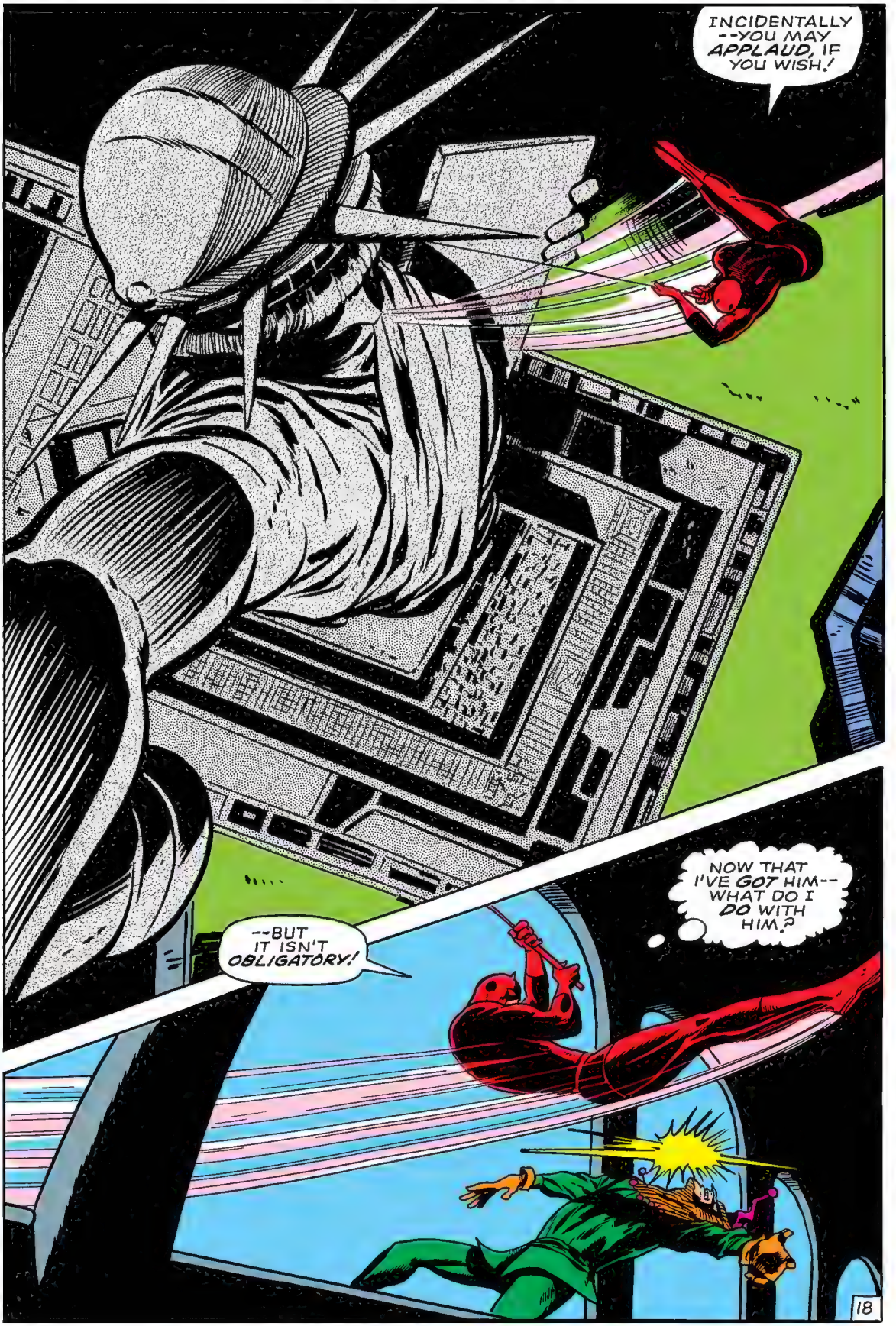
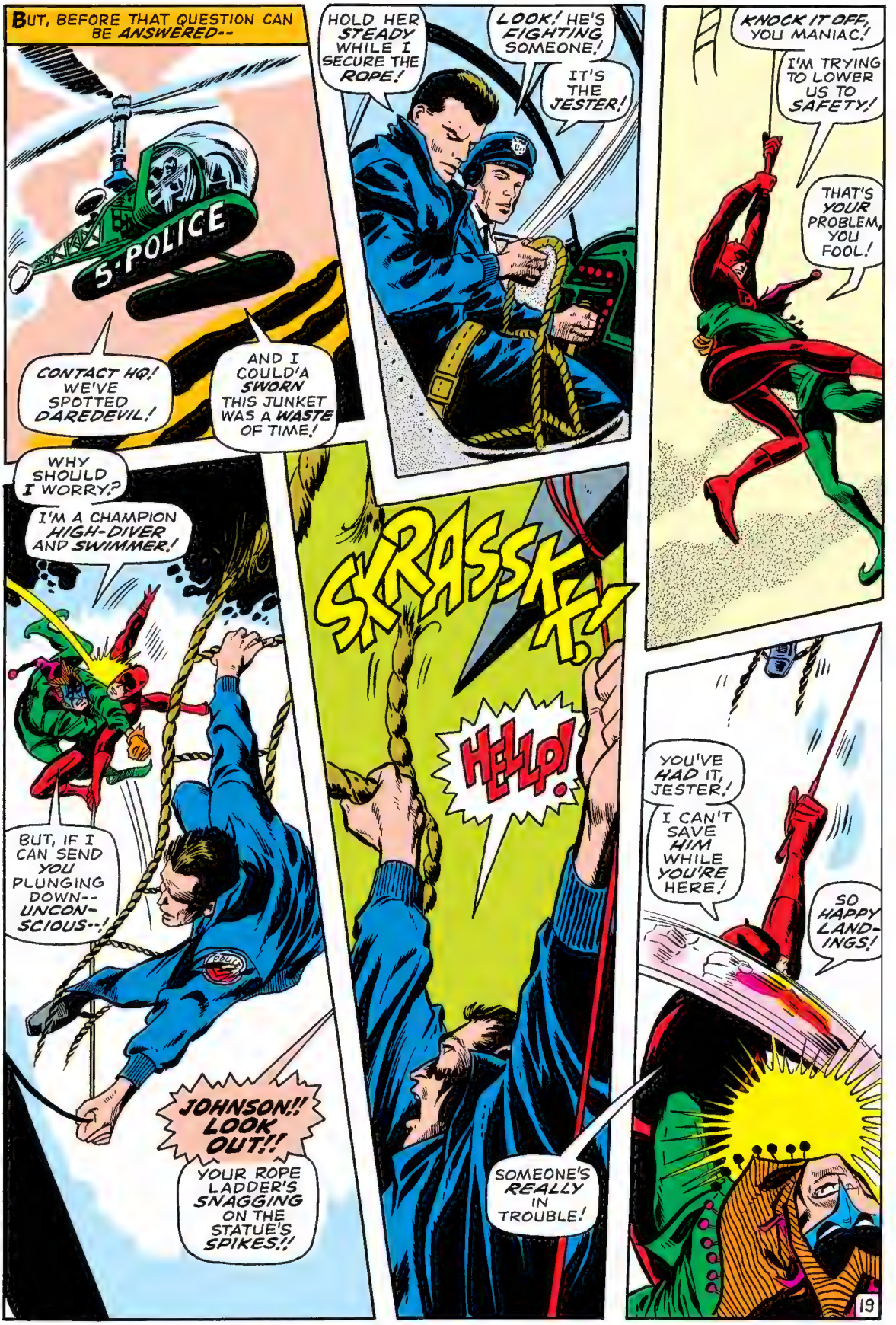

INCIDENTALLY --YOU MAY APPLAUD, IF YOU WISH!
NOW THAT I'VE GOT HIM-- WHAT DO I DO WITH HIM?
--BUT IT ISN'T OBLIGATORY!


BUT, BEFORE THAT QUESTION CAN BE ANSWERED--
5-POLICE
CONTACT HQ! WE'VE SPOTTED DAREDEVIL!
AND I COULD'A SWORN THIS JUNKET WAS A WASTE OF TIME!
HOLD HER STEADY WHILE I SECURE THE ROPE!
LOOK! HE'S FIGHTING SOMEONE!
IT'S THE JESTER!
KNOCK IT OFF, YOU MANIAC!
I'M TRYING TO LOWER US TO SAFETY!
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, YOU FOOL!
WHY SHOULD I WORRY?
I'M A CHAMPION HIGH-DIVER AND SWIMMER!
BUT, IF I CAN SEND YOU PLUNGING DOWN-- UNCON-SCIOUS--!
JOHNSON!! LOOK OUT!!
YOUR ROPE LADDER'S SNAGGING ON THE STATUE'S SPIKES!!
SKRASSK!
HELP!
SOMEONE'S REALLY IN TROUBLE!
YOU'VE HAD IT, JESTER!
I CAN'T SAVE HIM WHILE YOU'RE HERE!
SO HAPPY LAND-INGS!
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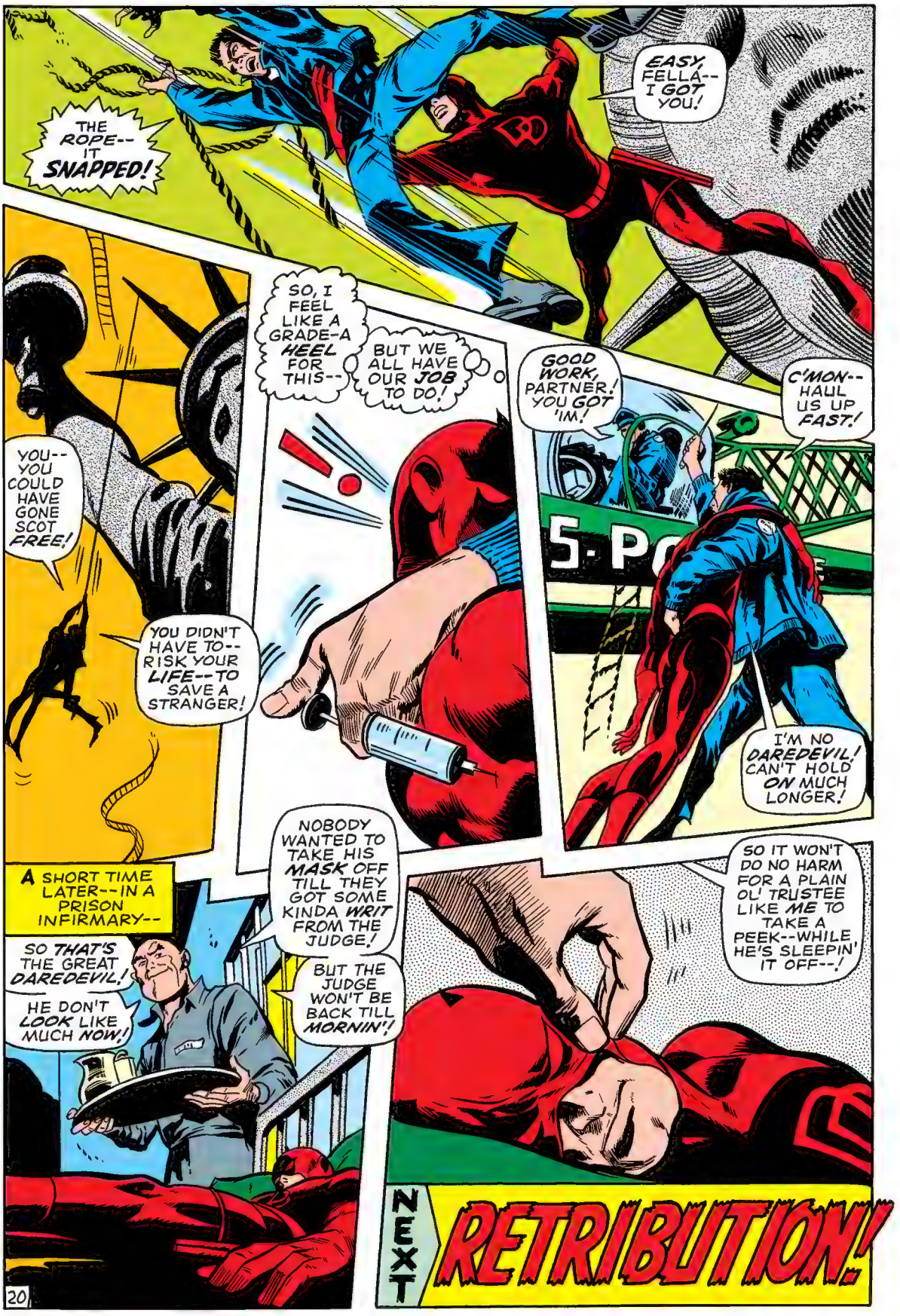
THE ROPE-- IT SNAPPED!
EASY, FELLA-- I GOT YOU!
SO, I FEEL LIKE A GRADE-A HEEL FOR THIS--
BUT WE ALL HAVE OUR JOB TO DO!
YOU-- YOU COULD HAVE GONE SCOT FREE!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO-- RISK YOUR LIFE--TO SAVE A STRANGER!
GOOD WORK, PARTNER! YOU GOT 'IM!
C'MON-- HAUL US UP FAST!
I'M NO DAREDEVIL! CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!
A SHORT TIME LATER--IN A PRISON INFIRMARY--
SO THAT'S THE GREAT DAREDEVIL!
HE DON'T LOOK LIKE MUCH NOW!
NOBODY WANTED TO TAKE HIS MASK OFF TILL THEY GOT SOME KINDA WRIT FROM THE JUDGE!
BUT THE JUDGE WON'T BE BACK TILL MORNIN'!
SO IT WON'T DO NO HARM FOR A PLAIN OL' TRUSTEE LIKE ME TO TAKE A PEEK--WHILE HE'S SLEEPIN' IT OFF--!
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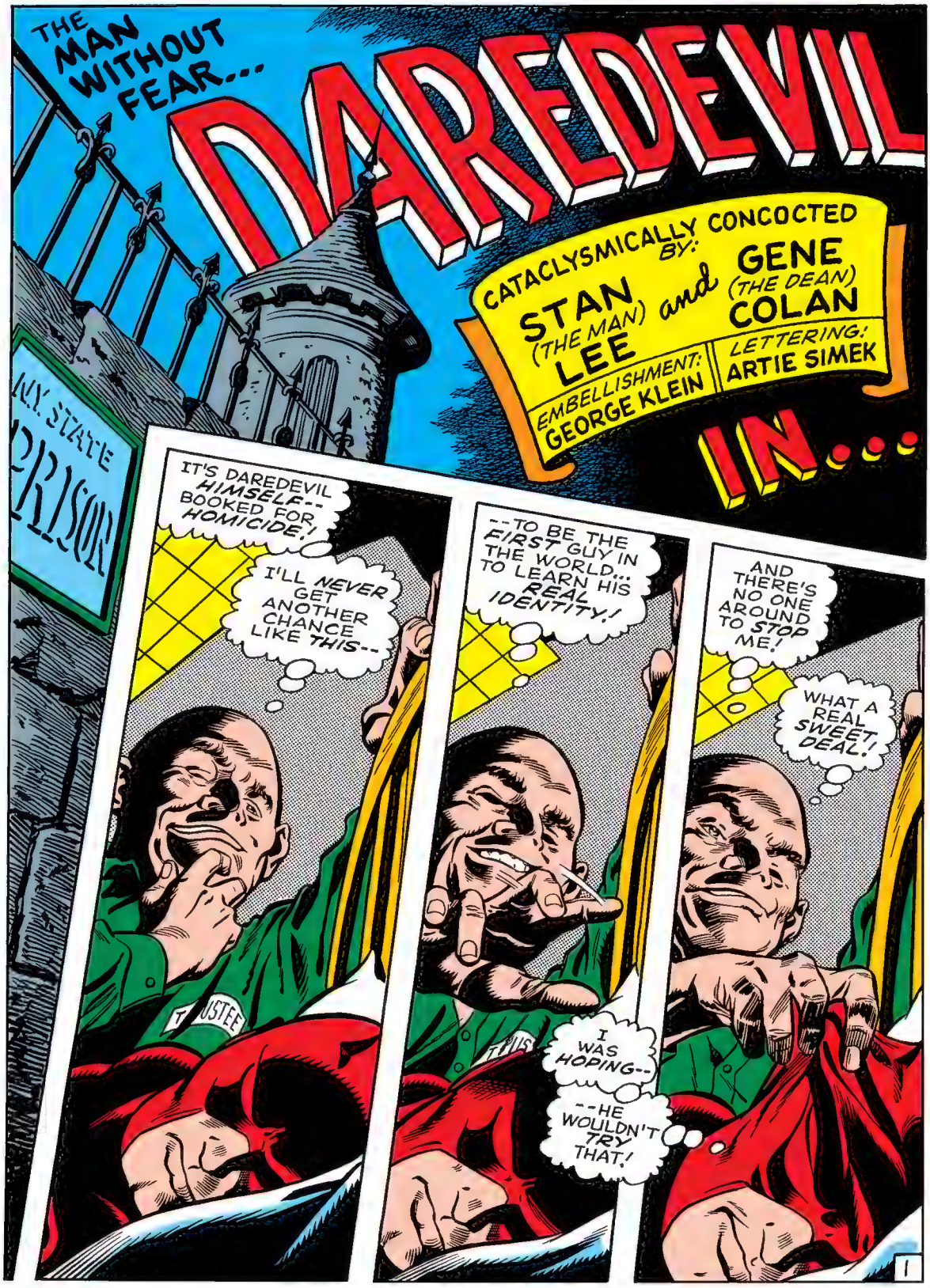
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR...
DAREDEVIL
CATACLYSMICALLY CONCOCTED BY:
STAN LEE (THE MAN) and GENE COLAN (THE DEAN)
EMBELLISHMENT: GEORGE KLEIN
LETTERING: ARTIE SIMEK
IN...
PRISON
IT'S DAREDEVIL HIMSELF-- BOOKED FOR HOMICIDE!
I'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS--
--TO BE THE FIRST GUY IN THE WORLD... TO LEARN HIS REAL IDENTITY!
AND THERE'S NO ONE AROUND TO STOP ME!
WHAT A REAL SWEET DEAL!
I WAS HOPING--
--HE WOULDN'T TRY THAT!
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..THE FINAL JEST!
BOK
NICE TRY, CHARLIE!
BUT THIS IS WHY YOU'LL ALWAYS BE AN ALSO RAN!
ANYWAY, THANKS FOR WAKING ME!
--I FORGOT TO SET THE ALARM!
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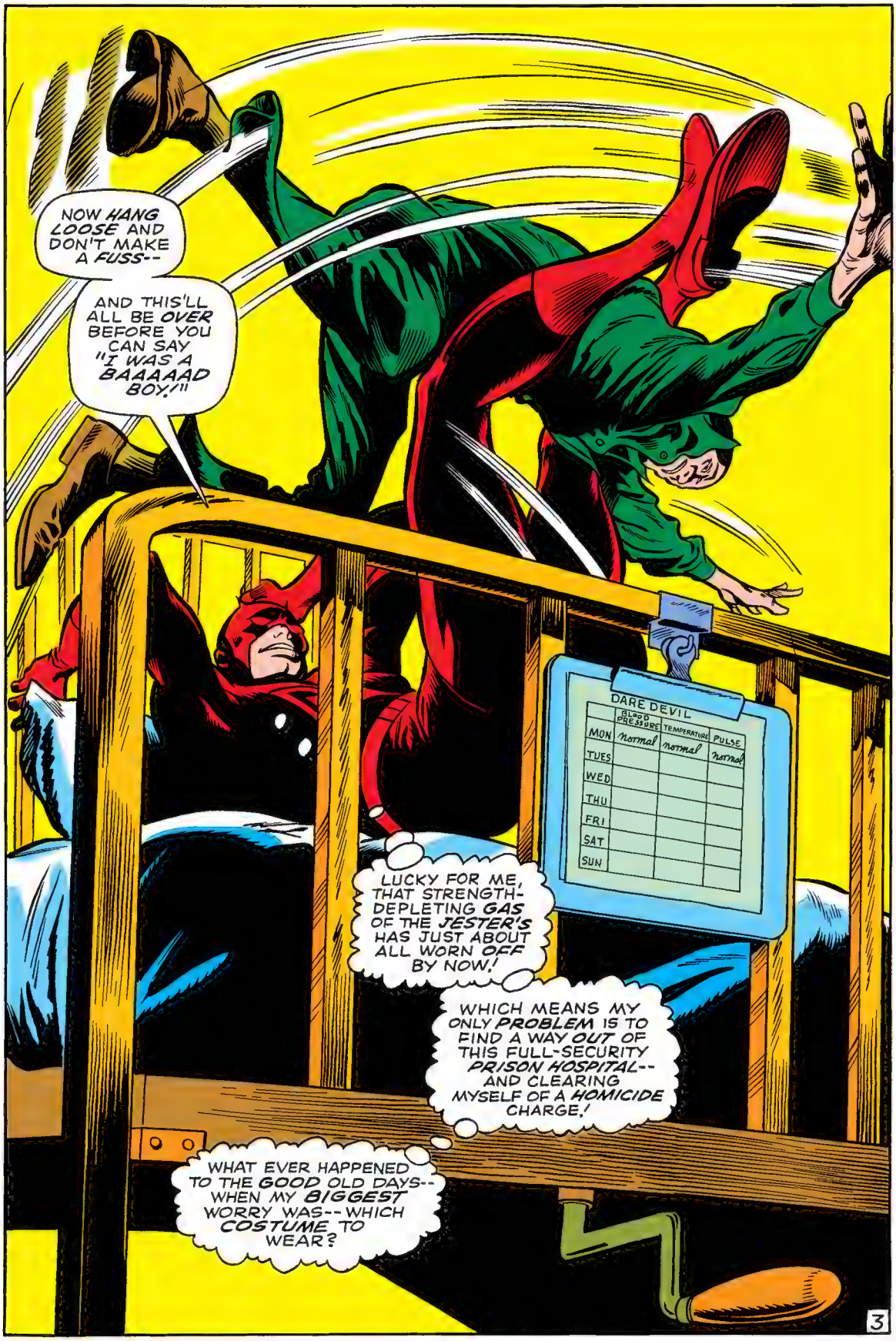
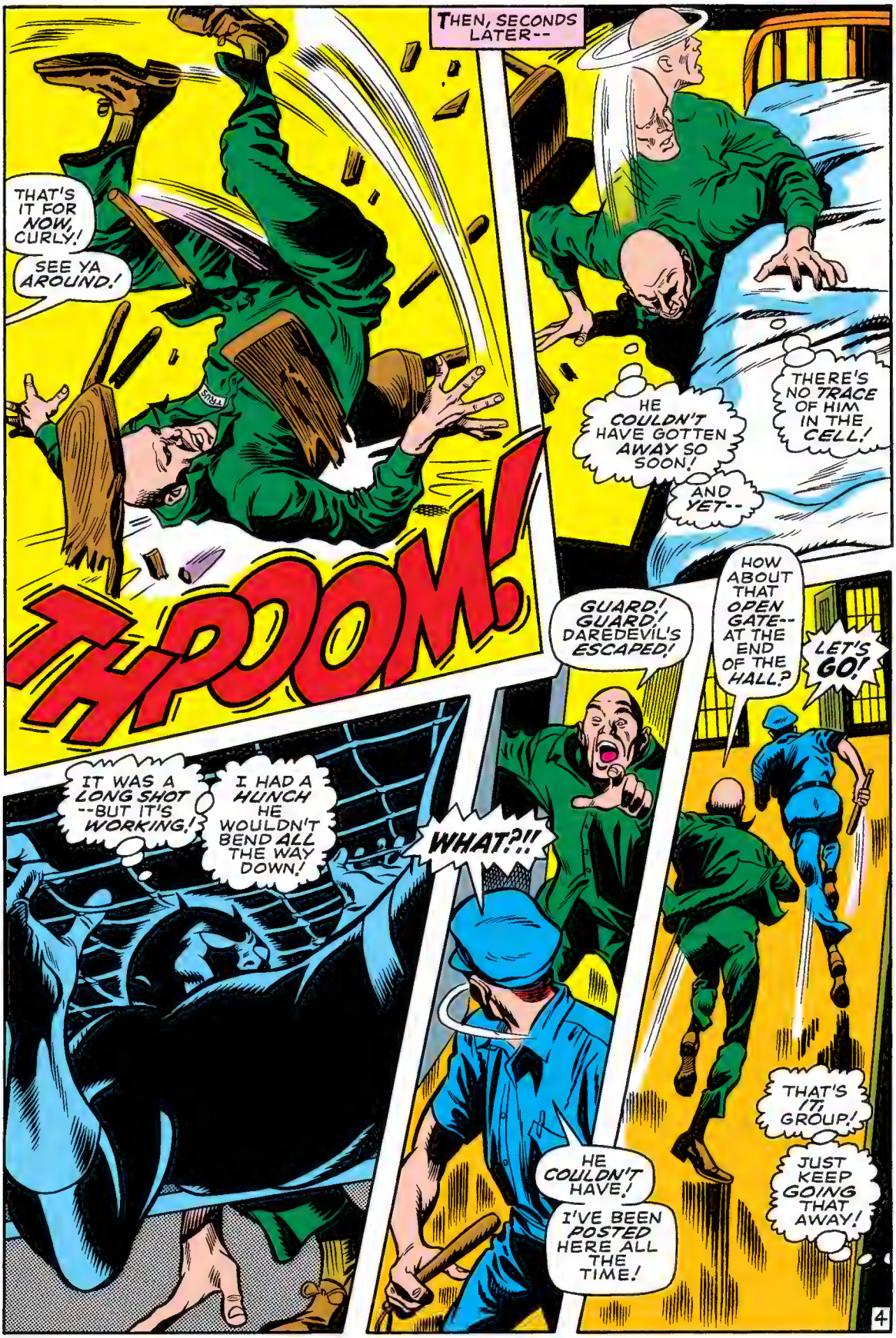
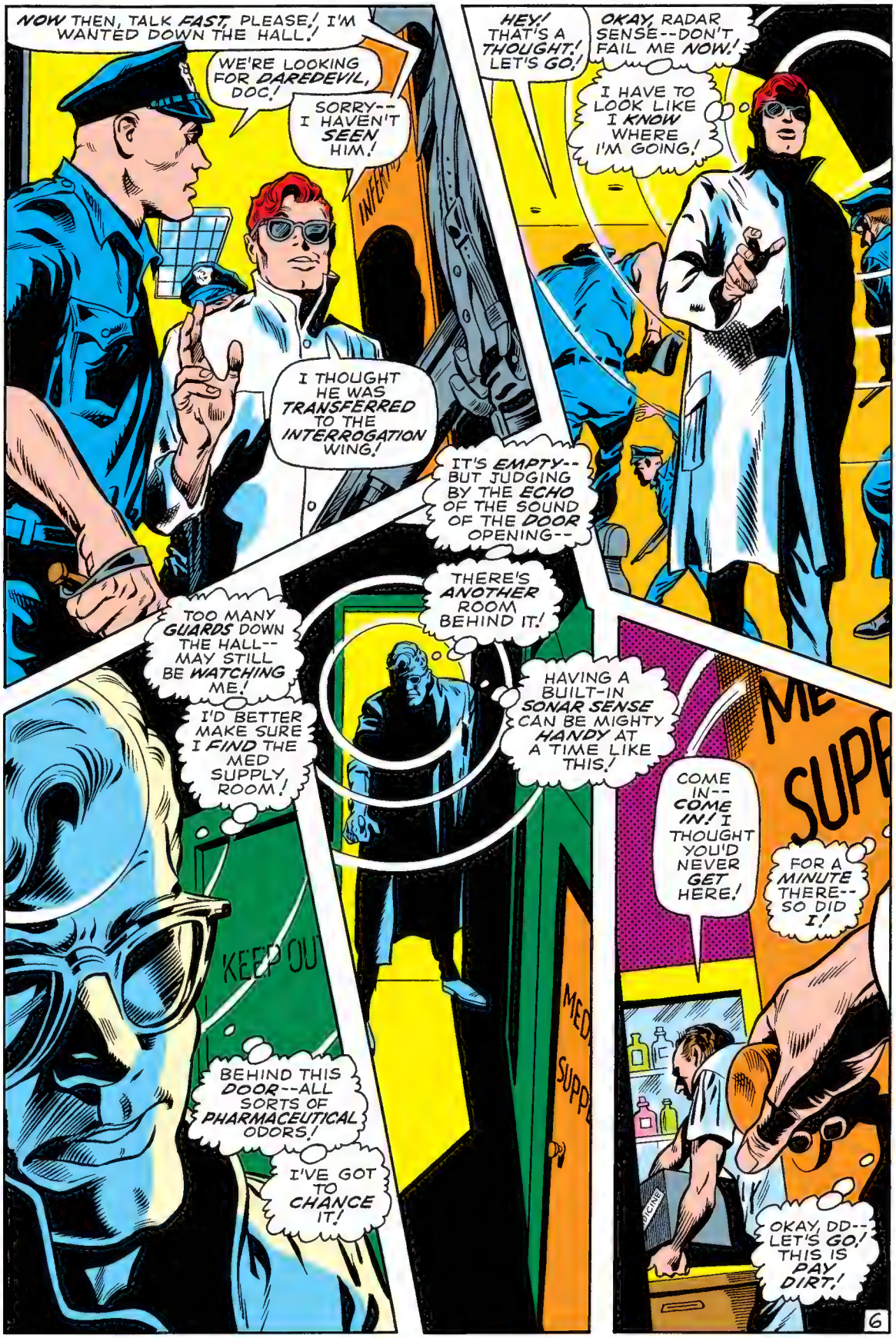

NOW HANG LOOSE AND DON'T MAKE A FUSS--
AND THIS'LL ALL BE OVER BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "I WAS A BAAAAAD BOY!"
DARE DEVIL
BLOOD PRESSURE
TEMPERATURE
PULSE
MON normal normal normal
TUES
WED
THU
FRI
SAT
SUN
LUCKY FOR ME, THAT STRENGTH-DEPLETING GAS OF THE JESTER'S HAS JUST ABOUT ALL WORN OFF BY NOW!
WHICH MEANS MY ONLY PROBLEM IS TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS FULL-SECURITY PRISON HOSPITAL-- AND CLEARING MYSELF OF A HOMICIDE CHARGE!
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS-- WHEN MY BIGGEST WORRY WAS--WHICH COSTUME TO WEAR?


THEN, SECONDS LATER--
THAT'S IT FOR NOW, CURLY!
SEE YA AROUND!
THPOOM!
HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN AWAY SO SOON!
AND YET--
THERE'S NO TRACE OF HIM IN THE CELL!
GUARD! GUARD! DAREDEVIL'S ESCAPED!
HOW ABOUT THAT OPEN GATE-- AT THE END OF THE HALL?
LET'S GO!
IT WAS A LONG SHOT --BUT IT'S WORKING!
I HAD A HUNCH HE WOULDN'T BEND ALL THE WAY DOWN!
WHAT?!!
HE COULDN'T HAVE!
I'VE BEEN POSTED HERE ALL THE TIME!
THAT'S IT, GROUP!
JUST KEEP GOING THAT AWAY!

NOW, MY NEXT STEP IS TO GET OUT OF HERE--
BEFORE THEY COME CHARGING BACK TO REALLY SEARCH THE CELL!
BUT, HOW FAR CAN I GET IN THESE ZINGY THREADS OF MINE?
THAT ODOR! THE SCENT OF DETERGENT STILL CLINGING TO A FRESHLY-LAUNDERED JACKET!
COULD BE MY TICKET OUT OF HERE!
SOME JOES HAVE TO GO TO MED SCHOOL FOR YEARS TO BECOME A DOCTOR!
BUT I'M TAKING A LITTLE SHORT-CUT--!
I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE MY MASK, AS WELL!
NOT A TRACE OF HIM OUT THERE! I DON'T GET IT!
WHOOPS! I FORGOT THE DOOR WAS STILL OPEN!
LUCKY I'M ON THIS SIDE OF THE ROOM!
THE PHONE! HERE'S WHERE I GO INTO MY ACT!
RRING!
SAY, DOC-- DID YOU SEE--?
HOLD IT, OFFICER! I'M ON THE PHONE!
WHAT'S THAT? THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ROOM?
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!


NOW THEN, TALK FAST, PLEASE! I'M WANTED DOWN THE HALL!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR DAREDEVIL, DOC!
SORRY-- I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM!
I THOUGHT HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE INTERROGATION WING!
HEY! THAT'S A THOUGHT! LET'S GO!
OKAY, RADAR SENSE--DON'T FAIL ME NOW!
I HAVE TO LOOK LIKE I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING!
IT'S EMPTY-- BUT JUDGING BY THE ECHO OF THE SOUND OF THE DOOR OPENING--
THERE'S ANOTHER ROOM BEHIND IT!
HAVING A BUILT-IN SONAR SENSE CAN BE MIGHTY HANDY AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
TOO MANY GUARDS DOWN THE HALL-- MAY STILL BE WATCHING ME!
I'D BETTER MAKE SURE I FIND THE MED SUPPLY ROOM!
KEEP OU
BEHIND THIS DOOR--ALL SORTS OF PHARMACEUTICAL ODORS!
I'VE GOT TO CHANCE IT!
MED SUPP
COME IN-- COME IN! I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE!
FOR A MINUTE THERE-- SO DID I!
OKAY, DD-- LET'S GO! THIS IS PAY DIRT!
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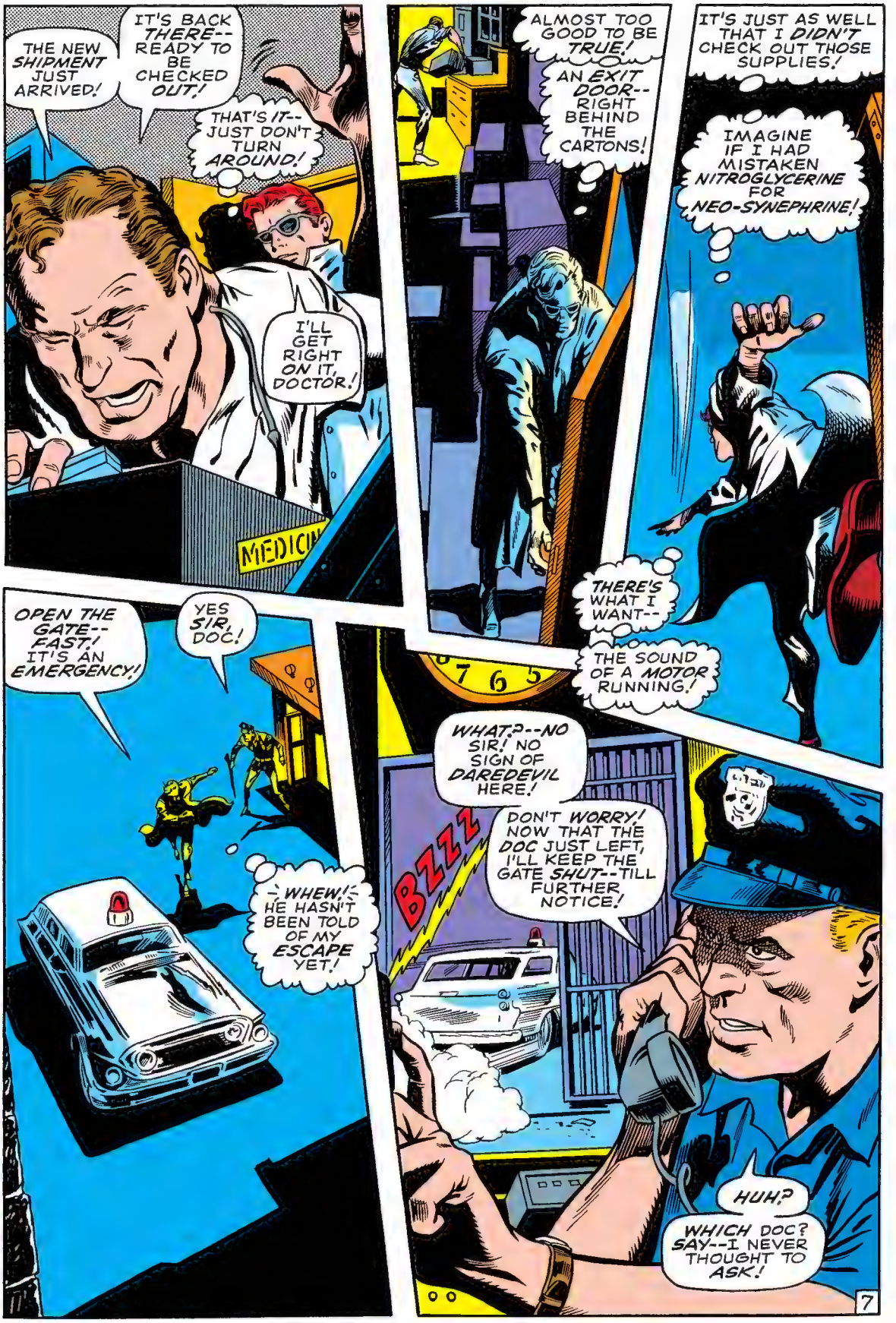
THE NEW SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED!
IT'S BACK THERE-- READY TO BE CHECKED OUT!
THAT'S IT-- JUST DON'T TURN AROUND!
I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, DOCTOR!
MEDICIN
ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!
AN EXIT DOOR-- RIGHT BEHIND THE CARTONS!
IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT I DIDN'T CHECK OUT THOSE SUPPLIES!
IMAGINE IF I HAD MISTAKEN NITROGLYCERINE FOR NEO-SYNEPHRINE!
THERE'S WHAT I WANT--
THE SOUND OF A MOTOR RUNNING!
OPEN THE GATE-- FAST! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
YES SIR, DOC!
WHEW! HE HASN'T BEEN TOLD OF MY ESCAPE YET!
WHAT?--NO SIR! NO SIGN OF DAREDEVIL HERE!
BZZZ
DON'T WORRY! NOW THAT THE DOC JUST LEFT, I'LL KEEP THE GATE SHUT--TILL FURTHER NOTICE!
HUH?
WHICH DOC? SAY--I NEVER THOUGHT TO ASK!
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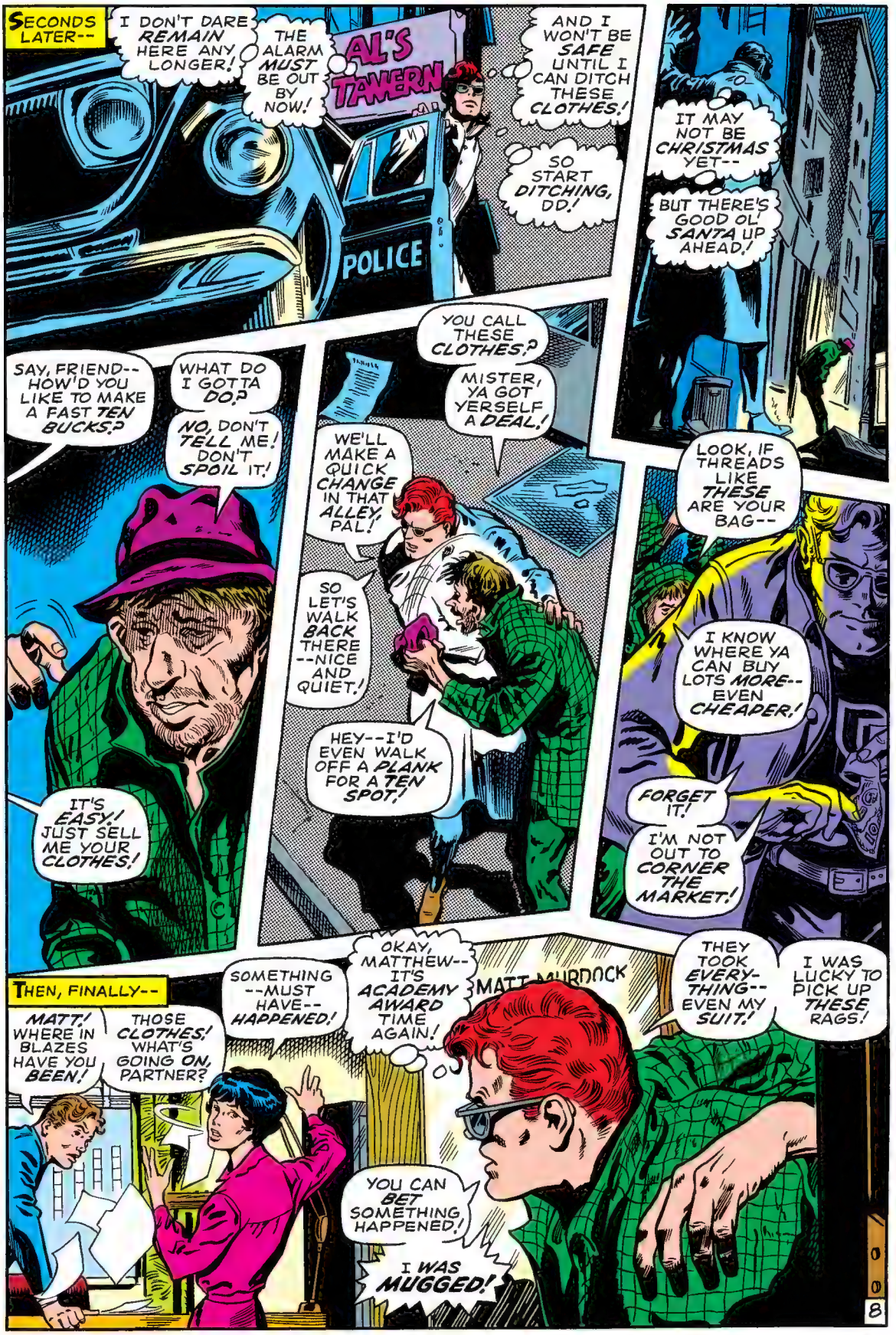
SECONDS LATER--
I DON'T DARE REMAIN HERE ANY LONGER!
THE ALARM MUST BE OUT BY NOW!
AL'S TAVERN
POLICE
AND I WON'T BE SAFE UNTIL I CAN DITCH THESE CLOTHES!
SO START DITCHING, DD!
IT MAY NOT BE CHRISTMAS YET--
BUT THERE'S GOOD OL' SANTA UP AHEAD!
SAY, FRIEND-- HOW'D YOU LIKE TO MAKE A FAST TEN BUCKS?
WHAT DO I GOTTA DO?
NO, DON'T TELL ME! DON'T SPOIL IT!
IT'S EASY! JUST SELL ME YOUR CLOTHES!
YOU CALL THESE CLOTHES?
MISTER, YA GOT YERSELF A DEAL!
WE'LL MAKE A QUICK CHANGE IN THAT ALLEY, PAL!
SO LET'S WALK BACK THERE --NICE AND QUIET!
HEY--I'D EVEN WALK OFF A PLANK FOR A TEN SPOT!
LOOK, IF THREADS LIKE THESE ARE YOUR BAG--
I KNOW WHERE YA CAN BUY LOTS MORE-- EVEN CHEAPER!
FORGET IT!
I'M NOT OUT TO CORNER THE MARKET!
THEN, FINALLY--
MATT! WHERE IN BLAZES HAVE YOU BEEN!
THOSE CLOTHES! WHAT'S GOING ON, PARTNER?
SOMETHING --MUST HAVE-- HAPPENED!
OKAY, MATTHEW-- IT'S ACADEMY AWARD TIME AGAIN!
MATT MURDOCK
THEY TOOK EVERY-THING-- EVEN MY SUIT!
I WAS LUCKY TO PICK UP THESE RAGS!
YOU CAN BET SOMETHING HAPPENED!
I WAS MUGGED!
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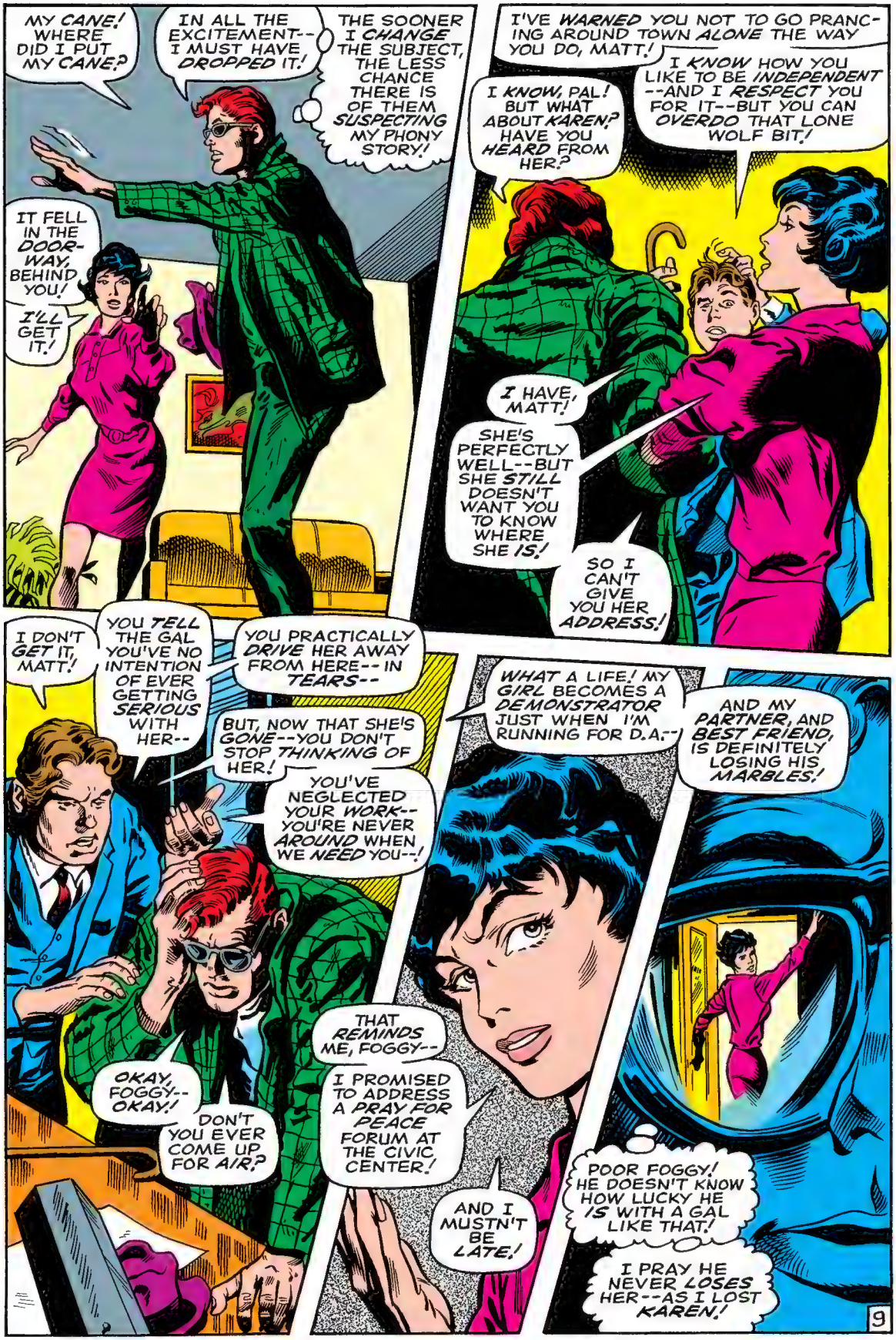
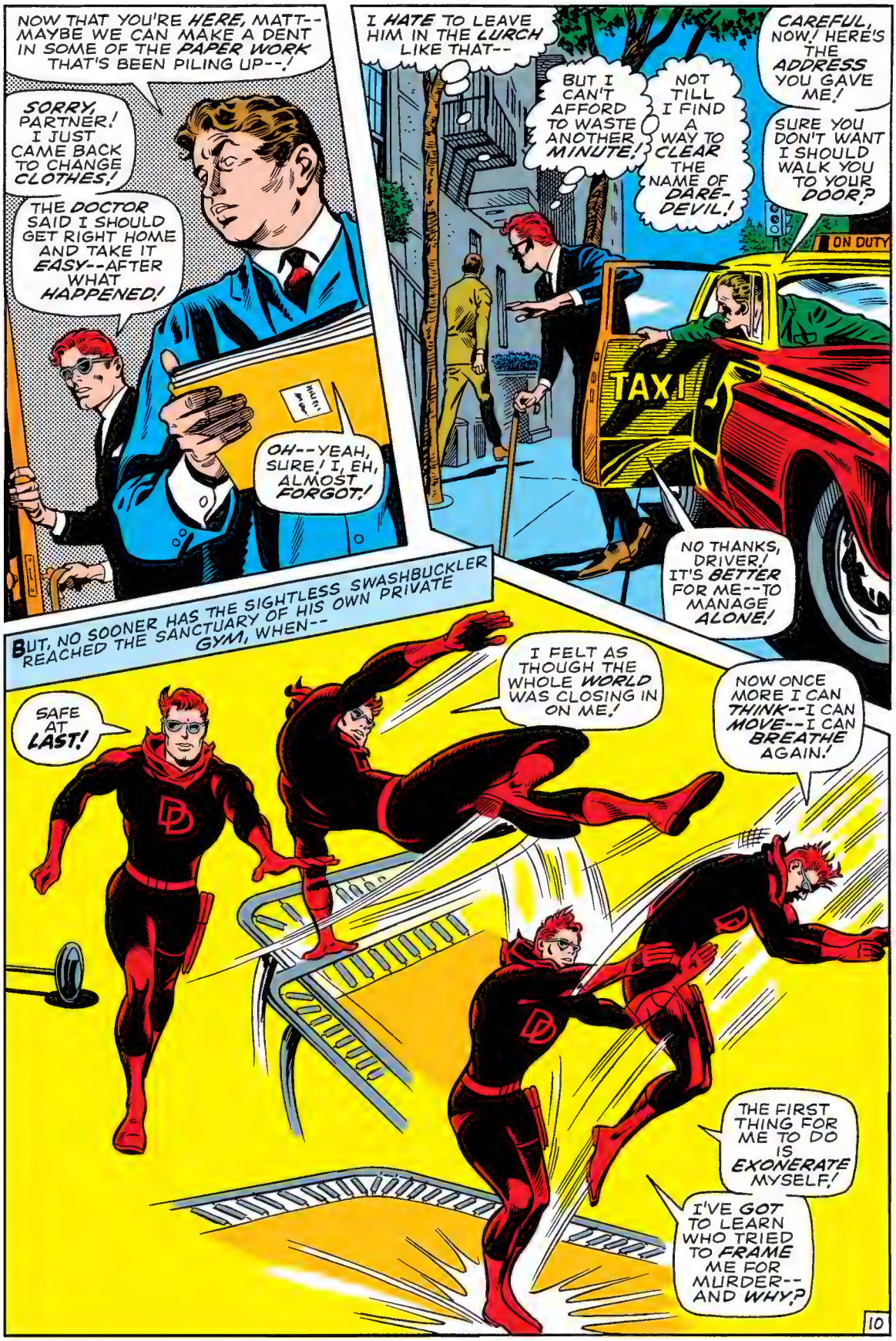

MY CANE! WHERE DID I PUT MY CANE?
IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT-- I MUST HAVE DROPPED IT!
THE SOONER I CHANGE THE SUBJECT, THE LESS CHANCE THERE IS OF THEM SUSPECTING MY PHONY STORY!
IT FELL IN THE DOOR-WAY, BEHIND YOU!
I'LL GET IT!
I'VE WARNED YOU NOT TO GO PRANC-ING AROUND TOWN ALONE THE WAY YOU DO, MATT!
I KNOW HOW YOU LIKE TO BE INDEPENDENT --AND I RESPECT YOU FOR IT--BUT YOU CAN OVERDO THAT LONE WOLF BIT!
I KNOW, PAL! BUT WHAT ABOUT KAREN? HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HER?
I HAVE, MATT!
SHE'S PERFECTLY WELL--BUT SHE STILL DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW WHERE SHE IS!
SO I CAN'T GIVE YOU HER ADDRESS!
I DON'T GET IT, MATT!
YOU TELL THE GAL YOU'VE NO INTENTION OF EVER GETTING SERIOUS WITH HER--
YOU PRACTICALLY DRIVE HER AWAY FROM HERE-- IN TEARS--
BUT, NOW THAT SHE'S GONE--YOU DON'T STOP THINKING OF HER!
YOU'VE NEGLECTED YOUR WORK-- YOU'RE NEVER AROUND WHEN WE NEED YOU--!
OKAY, FOGGY-- OKAY!
DON'T YOU EVER COME UP FOR AIR?
WHAT A LIFE! MY GIRL BECOMES A DEMONSTRATOR JUST WHEN I'M RUNNING FOR D.A.--
AND MY PARTNER, AND BEST FRIEND, IS DEFINITELY LOSING HIS MARBLES!
THAT REMINDS ME, FOGGY--
I PROMISED TO ADDRESS A PRAY FOR PEACE FORUM AT THE CIVIC CENTER!
AND I MUSTN'T BE LATE!
POOR FOGGY! HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW LUCKY HE IS WITH A GAL LIKE THAT!
I PRAY HE NEVER LOSES HER--AS I LOST KAREN!


NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, MATT--MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A DENT IN SOME OF THE PAPER WORK THAT'S BEEN PILING UP--!
SORRY, PARTNER! I JUST CAME BACK TO CHANGE CLOTHES!
THE DOCTOR SAID I SHOULD GET RIGHT HOME AND TAKE IT EASY--AFTER WHAT HAPPENED!
OH--YEAH, SURE! I, EH, ALMOST FORGOT!
I HATE TO LEAVE HIM IN THE LURCH LIKE THAT--
BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANOTHER MINUTE!
NOT TILL I FIND A WAY TO CLEAR THE NAME OF DARE-DEVIL!
CAREFUL, NOW! HERE'S THE ADDRESS YOU GAVE ME!
SURE YOU DON'T WANT I SHOULD WALK YOU TO YOUR DOOR?
ON DUTY
TAXI
NO THANKS, DRIVER! IT'S BETTER FOR ME--TO MANAGE ALONE!
BUT, NO SOONER HAS THE SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER REACHED THE SANCTUARY OF HIS OWN PRIVATE GYM, WHEN--
SAFE AT LAST!
I FELT AS THOUGH THE WHOLE WORLD WAS CLOSING IN ON ME!
NOW ONCE MORE I CAN THINK--I CAN MOVE--I CAN BREATHE AGAIN!
THE FIRST THING FOR ME TO DO IS EXONERATE MYSELF!
I'VE GOT TO LEARN WHO TRIED TO FRAME ME FOR MURDER--AND WHY?

WHEN I MOVE LIKE THIS--IT SEEMS TO CLEAR MY HEAD--SHARPEN MY BRAIN--WAIT!!
I SUDDENLY REMEMBER--THAT VOICE I HEARD IN THE SUBWAY BEFORE--AND THAT FAMILIAR SCENT OF COLOGNE--*
THEY REMINDED ME OF SOMEONE--BUT I COULDN'T PINPOINT HIS IDENTITY!
AND NOW, AT LAST--I KNOW!
THEY BELONGED TO THE MAN I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE MURDERED!!
THAT MEANS HE'S STILL ALIVE!
*IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN SO SOON, SHAME ON YOU! IT ONLY HAPPENED LAST ISH! --STRAIGHTFORWARD STAN.
WE HAD BEEN BATTLING ON THE BRIDGE--IN FULL VIEW OF WITNESSES--
AND THEN HE FELL--OVER THE RAILING--BEFORE I COULD STOP HIM!
--ALMOST AS THOUGH HE WANTED TO DIE!
THE POLICE ACCUSED ME OF HIS MURDER! BUT NOW I KNOW--
HE ISN'T REALLY DEAD!
AND, IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT--
I NOW KNOW HOW TO PROVE IT!
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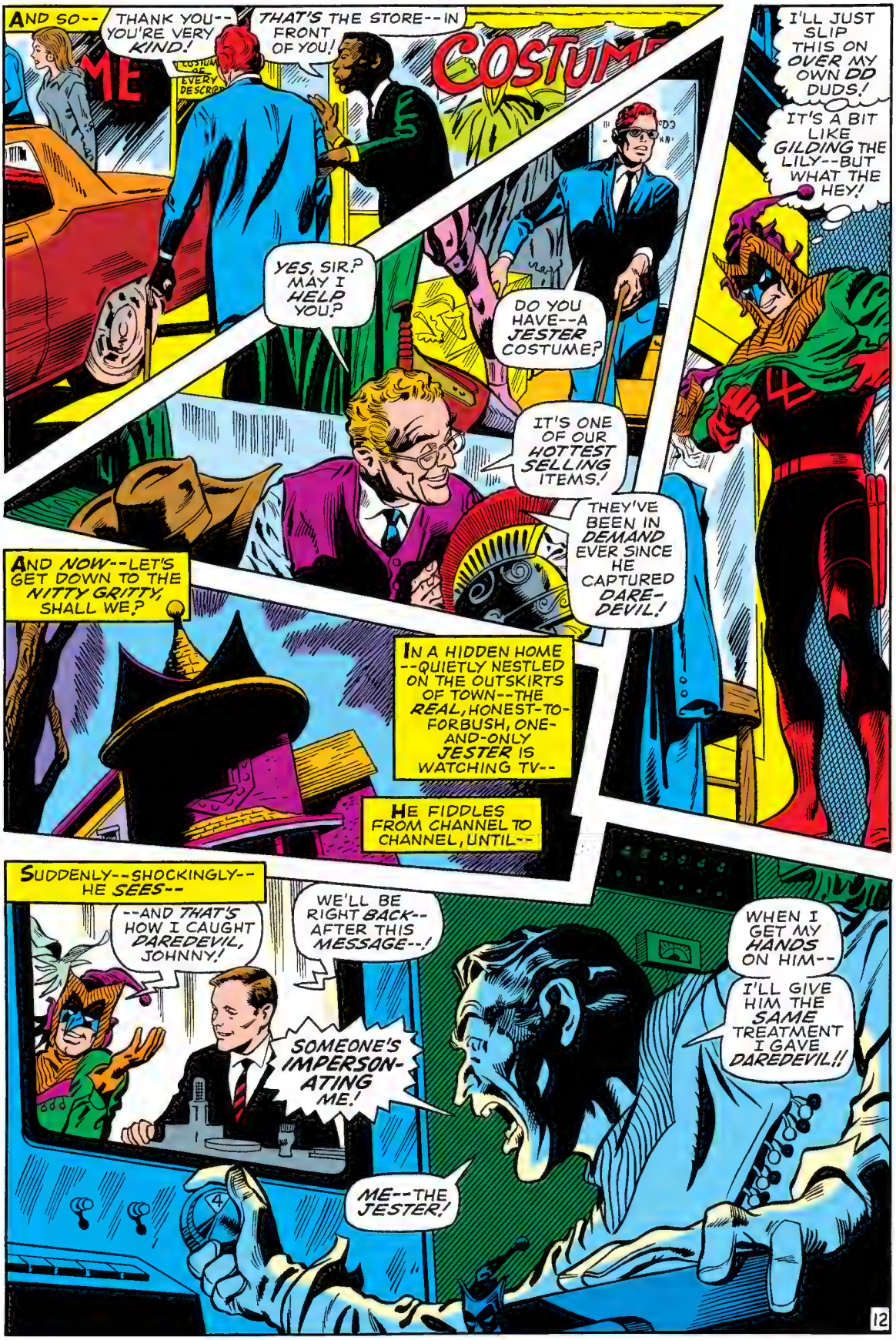
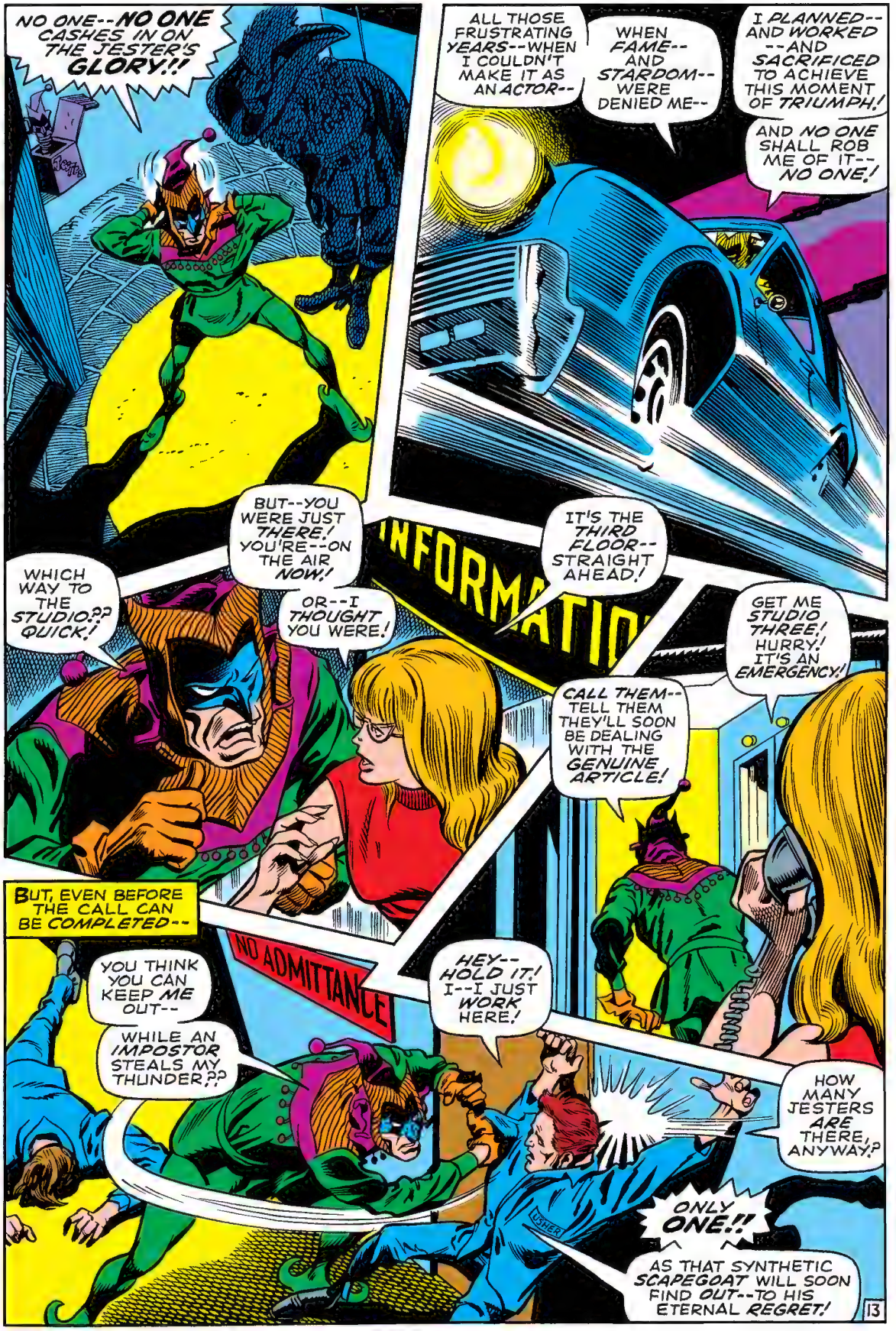

AND SO--
THANK YOU--YOU'RE VERY KIND!
THAT'S THE STORE--IN FRONT OF YOU!
COSTUME
YES, SIR? MAY I HELP YOU?
DO YOU HAVE--A JESTER COSTUME?
IT'S ONE OF OUR HOTTEST SELLING ITEMS!
THEY'VE BEEN IN DEMAND EVER SINCE HE CAPTURED DAREDEVIL!
I'LL JUST SLIP THIS ON OVER MY OWN DD DUDS!
IT'S A BIT LIKE GILDING THE LILY--BUT WHAT THE HEY!
AND NOW--LET'S GET DOWN TO THE NITTY GRITTY, SHALL WE?
IN A HIDDEN HOME--QUIETLY NESTLED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN--THE REAL, HONEST-TO-FORBUSH, ONE-AND-ONLY JESTER IS WATCHING TV--
HE FIDDLES FROM CHANNEL TO CHANNEL, UNTIL--
SUDDENLY--SHOCKINGLY--HE SEES--
--AND THAT'S HOW I CAUGHT DAREDEVIL, JOHNNY!
WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK--AFTER THIS MESSAGE--!
SOMEONE'S IMPERSONATING ME!
ME--THE JESTER!
WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON HIM--
I'LL GIVE HIM THE SAME TREATMENT I GAVE DAREDEVIL!!


NO ONE--NO ONE CASHES IN ON THE JESTER'S GLORY!!
ALL THOSE FRUSTRATING YEARS--WHEN I COULDN'T MAKE IT AS AN ACTOR--
WHEN FAME--AND STARDOM--WERE DENIED ME--
I PLANNED--AND WORKED--AND SACRIFICED TO ACHIEVE THIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH!
AND NO ONE SHALL ROB ME OF IT--NO ONE!
BUT--YOU WERE JUST THERE! YOU'RE--ON THE AIR NOW!
OR--I THOUGHT YOU WERE!
WHICH WAY TO THE STUDIO?? QUICK!
IT'S THE THIRD FLOOR--STRAIGHT AHEAD!
GET ME STUDIO THREE! HURRY! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
CALL THEM--TELL THEM THEY'LL SOON BE DEALING WITH THE GENUINE ARTICLE!
BUT, EVEN BEFORE THE CALL CAN BE COMPLETED--
NO ADMITTANCE
YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP ME OUT--
WHILE AN IMPOSTOR STEALS MY THUNDER??
HEY--HOLD IT! I--I JUST WORK HERE!
HOW MANY JESTERS ARE THERE, ANYWAY??
ONLY ONE!!
AS THAT SYNTHETIC SCAPEGOAT WILL SOON FIND OUT--TO HIS ETERNAL REGRET!
USHER
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FTAM!
SO THERE YOU ARE!
NOW WHAT?
IF WE HAVE TO DO THE SCENE OVER AGAIN--!
IT WORKED! HE'S HERE!
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
HEY! WE'RE FILMING RIGHT NOW!
ON THE CONTRARY! IT IS YOU WHO CANNOT LEAVE--TILL I ACQUIESCE!
YOU CAN'T COME IN HERE!
YOU!!
NOW-- BEFORE I PUNISH MY WITLESS IMPERSONATOR--
LET ME SEE WHO MY VICTIM IS!
YOU SURVIVED OUR LAST ENCOUNTER--
BUT THIS TIME YOU WON'T BE AS FORTUNATE!
IF YOU WANNA PLAY IN MY BALL PARK!
YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT, NEEDLE-NOSE--

NOW--YOU'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER!
DON'T BET ON IT!
-:UNNHHH!!:-
THONK!
THUMP!
IT'S MORE THAN AN ORDINARY BALL!
DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH WAITING!
HEY! YOU DON'T EXPECT A PING PONG BALL TO STOP ME!
PLINK!
IT KEEPS GROWING WITH EVERY BOUNCE!
AND IT MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF BUILT-IN HOMING DEVICE--!
--BECAUSE IT FOLLOWS ME AS IF IT HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN!
TAKE COVER, GENTS! THIS IS STRICTLY BETWEEN THE JESTER-- AND ME!
THUMP!

MAN! YOU DON'T SEE A SCENE LIKE THIS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK!
IF I CAN GET IT ON FILM, I'LL BE A CINCH TO GRAB OFF AN EMMY NEXT TIME AROUND!
CAN'T KEEP DODGING IT MUCH LONGER!
COME ON, DD--START USING THE OL' NOGGIN!
I HOPE YOU'VE REHEARSED YOUR EXIT SPEECH, DAREDEVIL!
FOR THE FINAL CURTAIN IS NOW ABOUT TO FALL!
WHAM
FROM THE SOUND OF IT-- IT'S A RUBBERIZED COMPOSITION!
DESIGNED TO TRAP ITS VICTIM, RATHER THAN HARM HIM!
HE'S RIGHT! IF IT GETS MUCH BIGGER, I'LL HAVE NO ROOM IN WHICH TO MANEUVER!
WHICH MEANS I'VE GOT TO PULVERIZE IT IN THE NEXT FEW SECONDS-- SOMEHOW!

CLICK
ZZZIIP
AND, SINCE IT'S MORE LIKE AN OVERGROWN BALLOON THAN ANYTHING ELSE--
THERE'S ONE SURE WAY TO BUST A BALLOON--
SLOTH!
EVEN AN OVERSIZED, OVERSTUFFED, OVERRATED ONE!
WOW! TALK ABOUT A KICK-BACK--!!
OKAY, JES-- YOU'VE HAD YOUR INNING!
NOW YOU'VE GOT SOME PLAIN TALKING TO DO!
YOU BRAINLESS, BARNSTORMING, BUMBLING BOOR!
THERE'S NOTHING PLAIN ABOUT THE JESTER--NOT EVEN HIS CONVERSATION!
I-- FORGOT ABOUT ABOUT--HIS HIDDEN YO-YO!!
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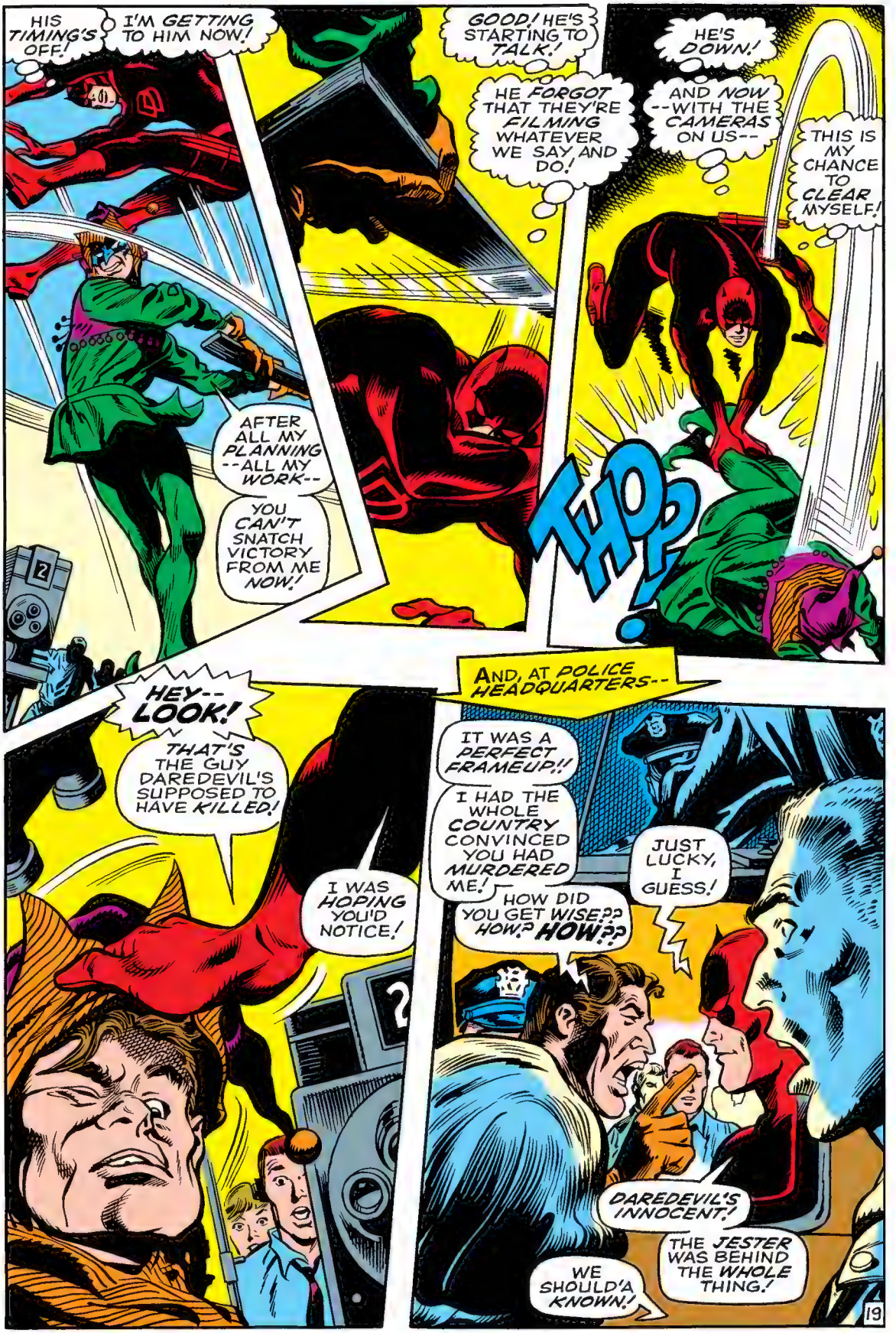
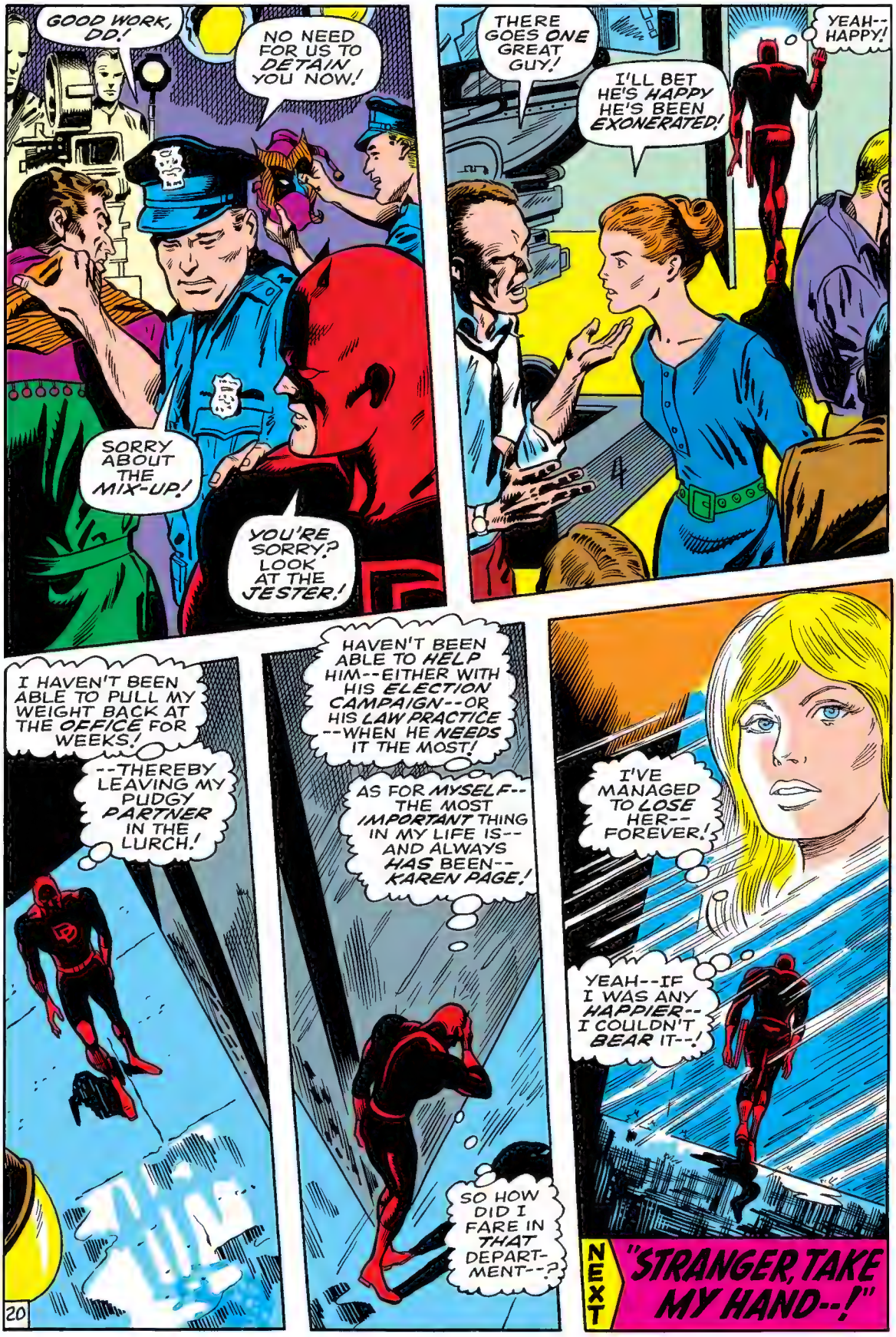
TO THINK YOU WOULD DARE PIT YOURSELF AGAINST ME!
GUESS I MUST HAVE LOST MY HEAD!
THERE'LL BE MORE TRUTH TO THAT THAN FICTION--
WHEN I GET THRU WITH YOU!
YOU'RE THRU ALREADY, SON--
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW IT!
I'VE BEATEN YOU BEFORE--
AND I CAN DO IT NOW!
YOU MASKED PHONY--
YOU NEVER BEAT ME!
AND IN CASE YOU WANT SOME PROOF--
YOU CAN TRY THIS FOR SIZE!


HIS TIMING'S OFF!
I'M GETTING TO HIM NOW!
AFTER ALL MY PLANNING --ALL MY WORK--
YOU CAN'T SNATCH VICTORY FROM ME NOW!
GOOD! HE'S STARTING TO TALK!
HE FORGOT THAT THEY'RE FILMING WHATEVER WE SAY AND DO!
HE'S DOWN!
AND NOW --WITH THE CAMERAS ON US--
THIS IS MY CHANCE TO CLEAR MYSELF!
THOP!
HEY-- LOOK!
THAT'S THE GUY DAREDEVIL'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE KILLED!
I WAS HOPING YOU'D NOTICE!
AND, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS--
IT WAS A PERFECT FRAMEUP!!
I HAD THE WHOLE COUNTRY CONVINCED YOU HAD MURDERED ME!
HOW DID YOU GET WISE?? HOW?? HOW??
JUST LUCKY, I GUESS!
DAREDEVIL'S INNOCENT!
THE JESTER WAS BEHIND THE WHOLE THING!
WE SHOULD'A KNOWN!


GOOD WORK, DD!
NO NEED FOR US TO DETAIN YOU NOW!
SORRY ABOUT THE MIX-UP!
YOU'RE SORRY? LOOK AT THE JESTER!
THERE GOES ONE GREAT GUY!
I'LL BET HE'S HAPPY HE'S BEEN EXONERATED!
YEAH--HAPPY!
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PULL MY WEIGHT BACK AT THE OFFICE FOR WEEKS!
--THEREBY LEAVING MY PUDGY PARTNER IN THE LURCH!
HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HELP HIM--EITHER WITH HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN--OR HIS LAW PRACTICE --WHEN HE NEEDS IT THE MOST!
AS FOR MYSELF--THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE IS--AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN--KAREN PAGE!
SO HOW DID I FARE IN THAT DEPARTMENT--?
I'VE MANAGED TO LOSE HER--FOREVER!
YEAH--IF I WAS ANY HAPPIER--I COULDN'T BEAR IT--!
NEXT
"STRANGER, TAKE MY HAND--!"

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BROTHER, TAKE MY HAND!

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
BROTHER, TAKE MY HAND!
HE'LL BE HERE--ANY MINUTE NOW!
WE WANT DAREDEVIL!!
THE SCENE IS VIET NAM--A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO! BUT DON'T GET UPTIGHT, PILGRIM--WE'RE NOT TOSSING A WAR STORY AT YOU! STILL, YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT--THIS ONE IS REALLY DIFFERENT--
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IS HE HERE YET, SAM?
ARE YOU SURE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE?
DON'T WORRY, WILLIE! IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YA--THE SHOW DIDN'T EVEN START YET!
I'LL GET US A COUPLE A THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE--
CAUSE WHEN DD GOES INTO ACTION, WE WANNA BE UP CLOSE, SO WE CAN SEE EVERYTHING HE DOES!
ELCOME DAREDEVIL TO
OH, I'M SORRY, WILLIE! I-I DIDN'T MEAN--
NO NEED TO PUSSY-FOOT AROUND, SAM!
I GOTTA GET USED TO THIS-- SOONER OR LATER!
AT LEAST, I CAN STILL MAKE OUT HAZY IMAGES--AND SHADOWY FORMS!
HERE'S A SPOT, PAL!
WE'RE RIGHT UP FRONT NOW, WILL--SO IT OUGHTTA BE REAL GOOD!
THE OOC SAID-- I'LL LOSE THE REST OF MY SIGHT-- ANY TIME NOW!
SO I GOTTA START LEARNING-- TO MAKE MY OWN WAY!
BUT, AT LEAST I'LL GET A CHANCE--
--TO SEE DARE-DEVIL IN ACTION-- AT LEAST ONCE!
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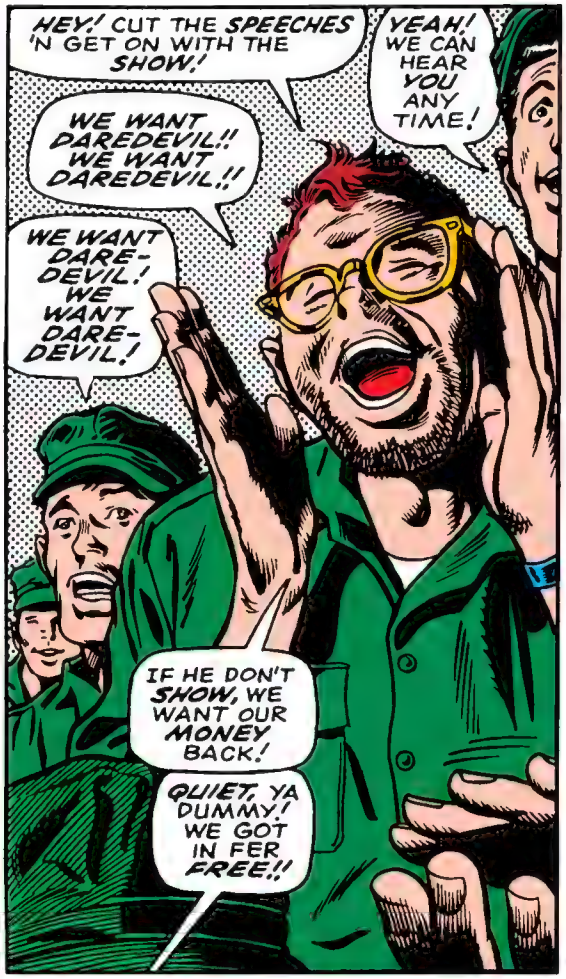
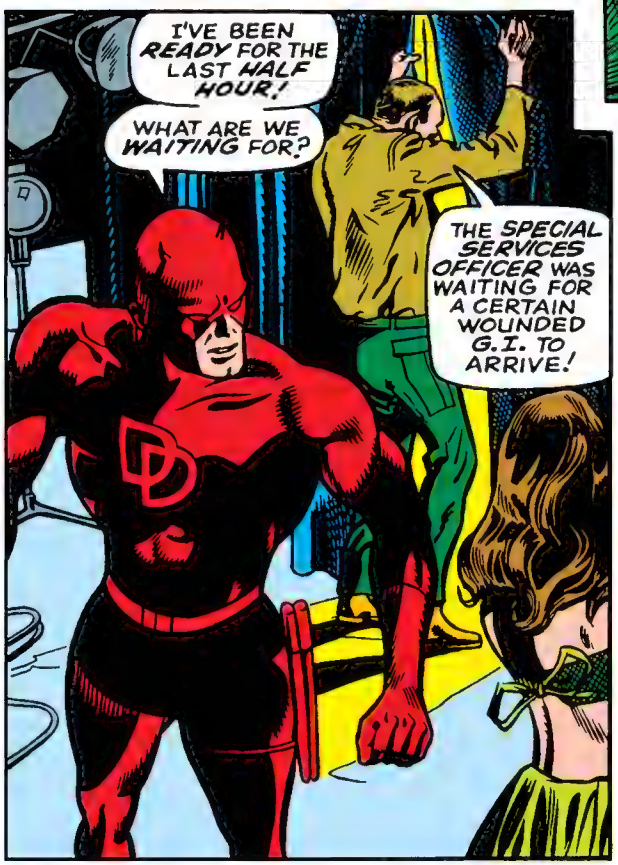
OKAY, GUYS, IF YOU'LL KEEP IT DOWN TO A ROAR, WE'LL GET ON WITH THE SHOW--
YOU GOTTA LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE, SOLDIER!
FORGET IT, SAM!
THEY TOOK TOO MANY TESTS-- CHECKED IT TOO MANY TIMES!
MAYBE THE DOC WAS WRONG! MAYBE YOUR SIGHT'LL GET BETTER-- INSTEAD OF WORSE!
BUT I'M NOT GRIPIN'!
THAT'S LIFE! YOU WIN A FEW--YOU LOSE A FEW!


HEY! CUT THE SPEECHES 'N GET ON WITH THE SHOW!
YEAH! WE CAN HEAR YOU ANY TIME!
WE WANT DAREDEVIL!! WE WANT DAREDEVIL!!
WE WANT DARE-DEVIL! WE WANT DARE-DEVIL!
IF HE DON'T SHOW, WE WANT OUR MONEY BACK!
QUIET, YA DUMMY! WE GOT IN FER FREE!!


I'VE BEEN READY FOR THE LAST HALF HOUR!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
THE SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS WAITING FOR A CERTAIN WOUNDED G.I. TO ARRIVE!

HE'S A REAL FRANTIC FAN OF YOURS--
AND I SEE HE'S JUST BEEN SEATED!
SO, TAKE IT AWAY, DD--
THE STAGE IS ALL YOURS!
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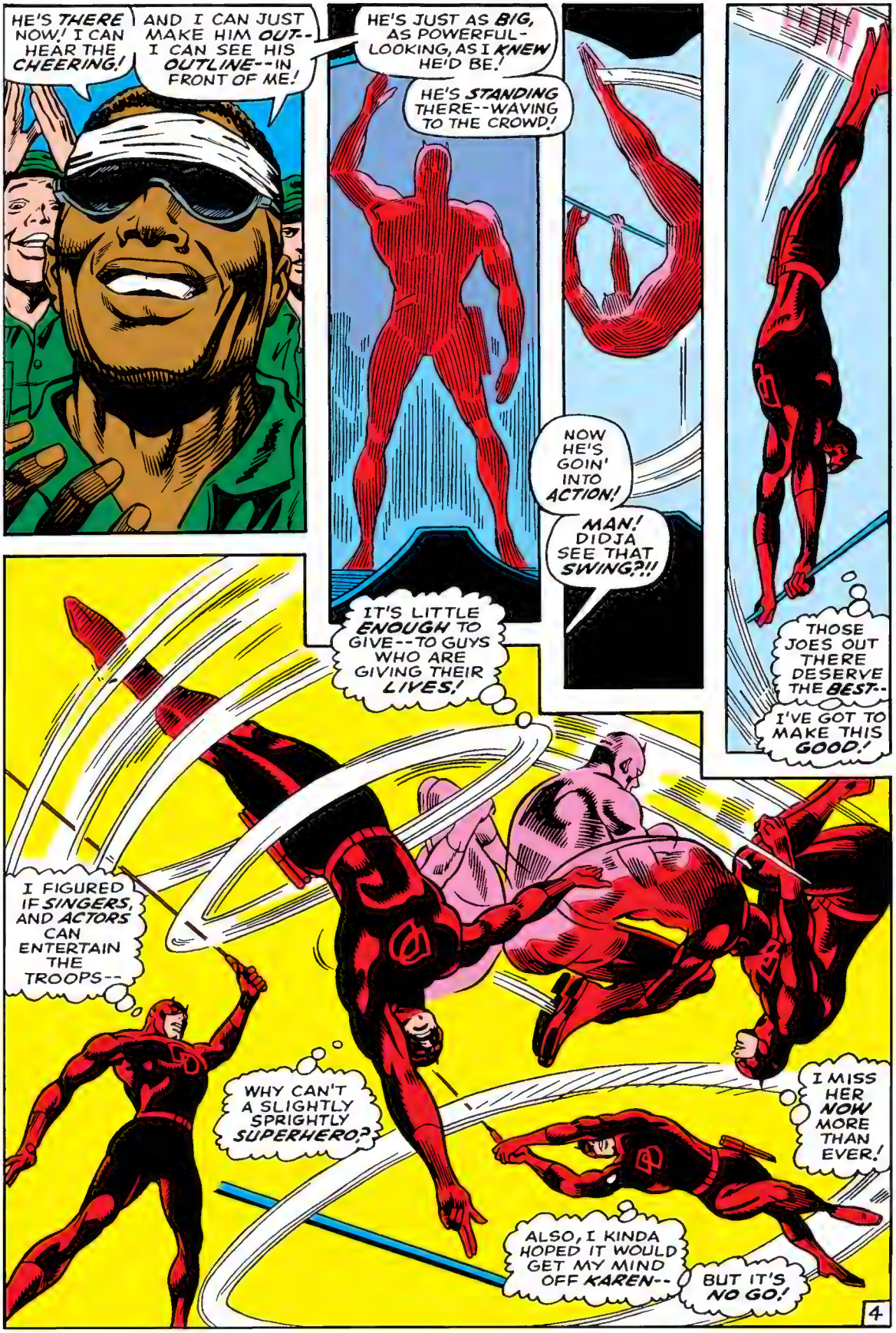
HE'S THERE NOW! I CAN HEAR THE CHEERING!
AND I CAN JUST MAKE HIM OUT--I CAN SEE HIS OUTLINE--IN FRONT OF ME!
HE'S JUST AS BIG, AS POWERFUL-LOOKING, AS I KNEW HE'D BE!
HE'S STANDING THERE--WAVING TO THE CROWD!
NOW HE'S GOIN' INTO ACTION!
MAN! DIDJA SEE THAT SWING?!!
THOSE JOES OUT THERE DESERVE THE BEST--
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS GOOD!
IT'S LITTLE ENOUGH TO GIVE--TO GUYS WHO ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES!
I FIGURED IF SINGERS, AND ACTORS CAN ENTERTAIN THE TROOPS--
WHY CAN'T A SLIGHTLY SPRIGHTLY SUPERHERO?
I MISS HER NOW MORE THAN EVER!
ALSO, I KINDA HOPED IT WOULD GET MY MIND OFF KAREN--
BUT IT'S NO GO!
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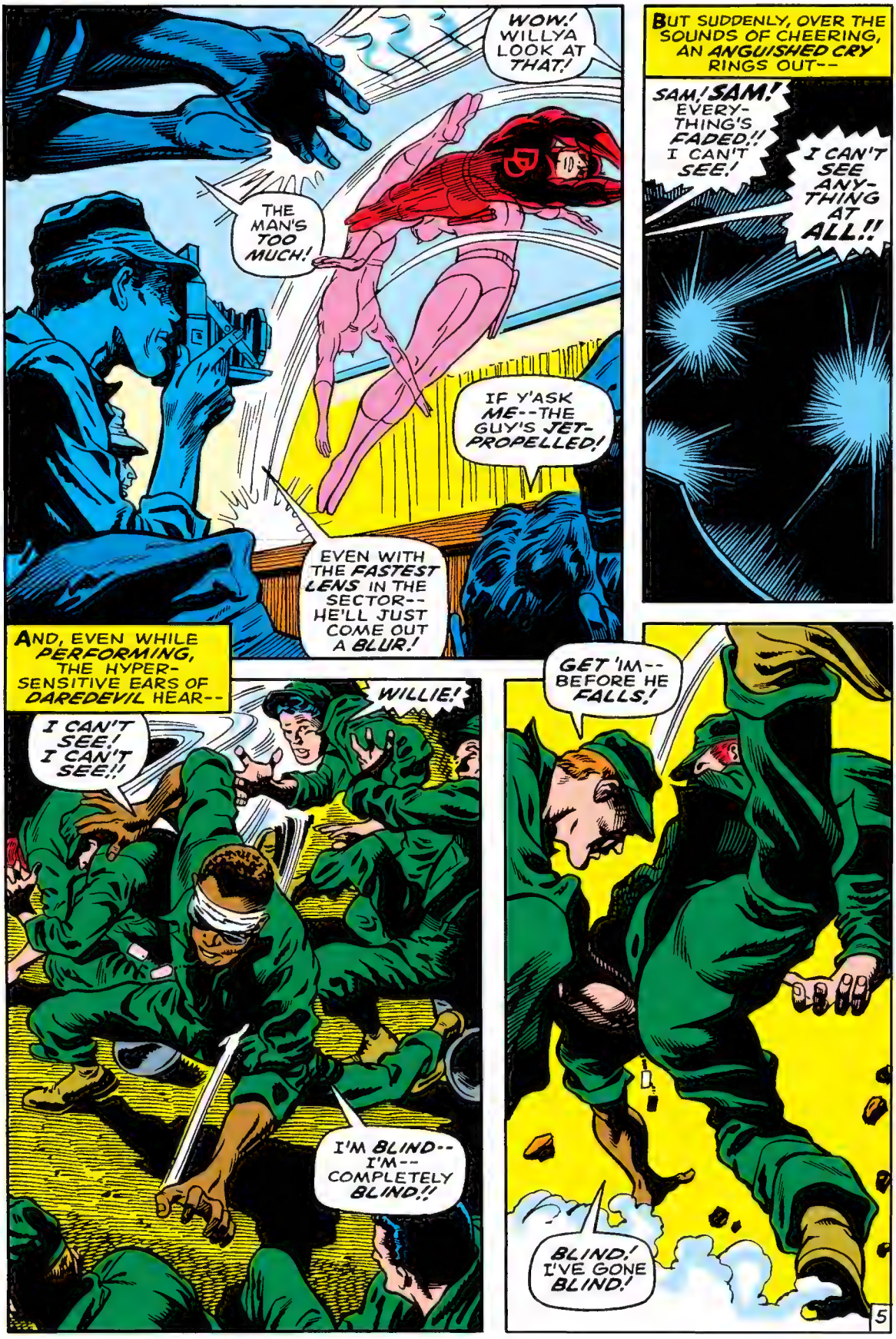
WOW! WILLYA LOOK AT THAT!
THE MAN'S TOO MUCH!
IF Y'ASK ME--THE GUY'S JET-PROPELLED!
EVEN WITH THE FASTEST LENS IN THE SECTOR-- HE'LL JUST COME OUT A BLUR!
BUT SUDDENLY, OVER THE SOUNDS OF CHEERING, AN ANGUISHED CRY RINGS OUT--
SAM! SAM! EVERY-THING'S FADED!! I CAN'T SEE!
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING AT ALL!!
AND, EVEN WHILE PERFORMING, THE HYPER-SENSITIVE EARS OF DAREDEVIL HEAR--
WILLIE!
I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T SEE!!
I'M BLIND-- I'M-- COMPLETELY BLIND!!
GET 'IM-- BEFORE HE FALLS!
BLIND! I'VE GONE BLIND!
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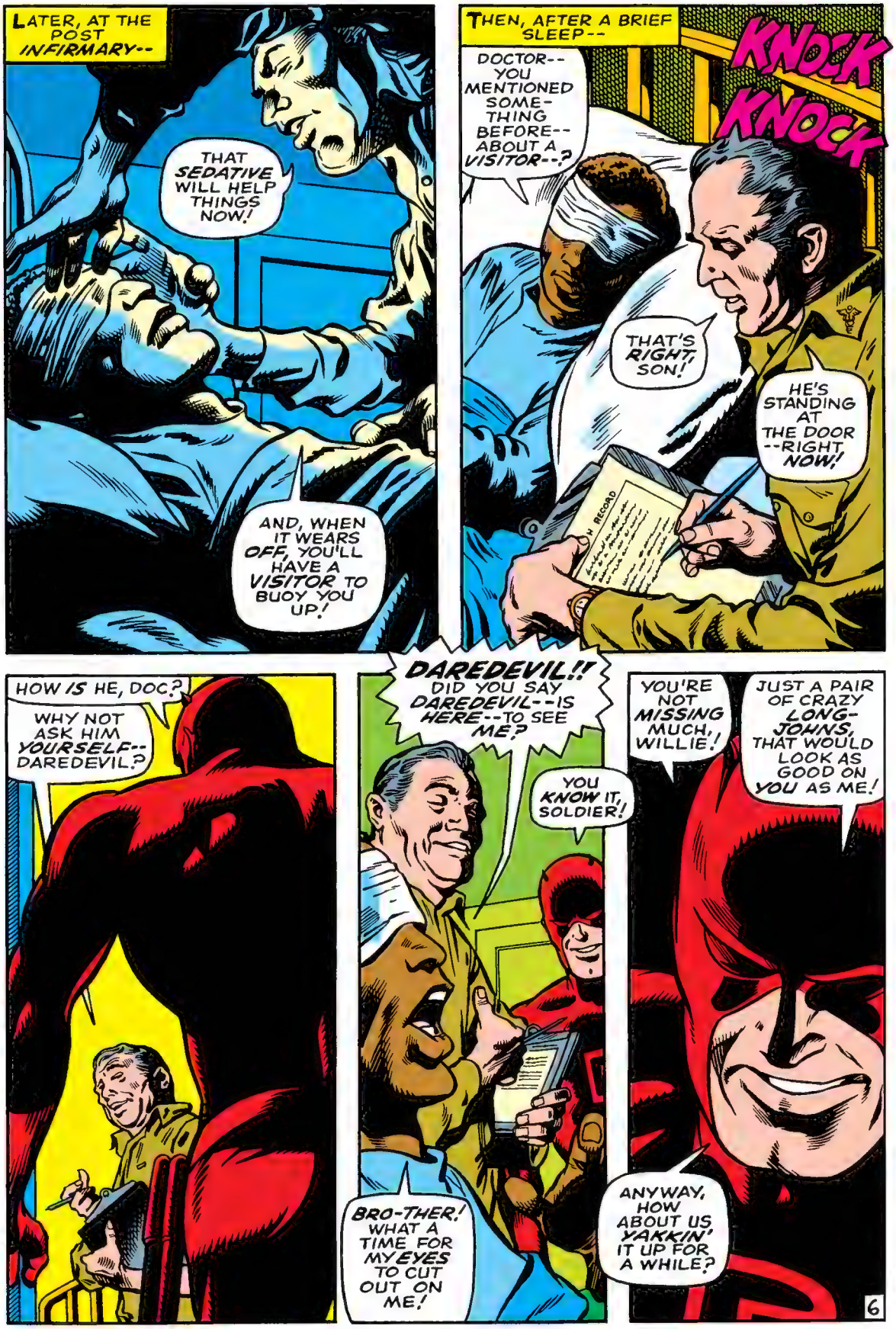
LATER, AT THE POST INFIRMARY--
THAT SEDATIVE WILL HELP THINGS NOW!
AND, WHEN IT WEARS OFF, YOU'LL HAVE A VISITOR TO BUOY YOU UP!
THEN, AFTER A BRIEF SLEEP--
KNOCK KNOCK
DOCTOR-- YOU MENTIONED SOME-THING BEFORE-- ABOUT A VISITOR--?
THAT'S RIGHT, SON!
HE'S STANDING AT THE DOOR --RIGHT NOW!
RECORD
HOW IS HE, DOC?
WHY NOT ASK HIM YOURSELF-- DAREDEVIL?
DAREDEVIL!! DID YOU SAY DAREDEVIL--IS HERE--TO SEE ME?
YOU KNOW IT, SOLDIER!
BRO-THER! WHAT A TIME FOR MY EYES TO CUT OUT ON ME!
YOU'RE NOT MISSING MUCH, WILLIE!
JUST A PAIR OF CRAZY LONG-JOHNS, THAT WOULD LOOK AS GOOD ON YOU AS ME!
ANYWAY, HOW ABOUT US YAKKIN' IT UP FOR A WHILE?
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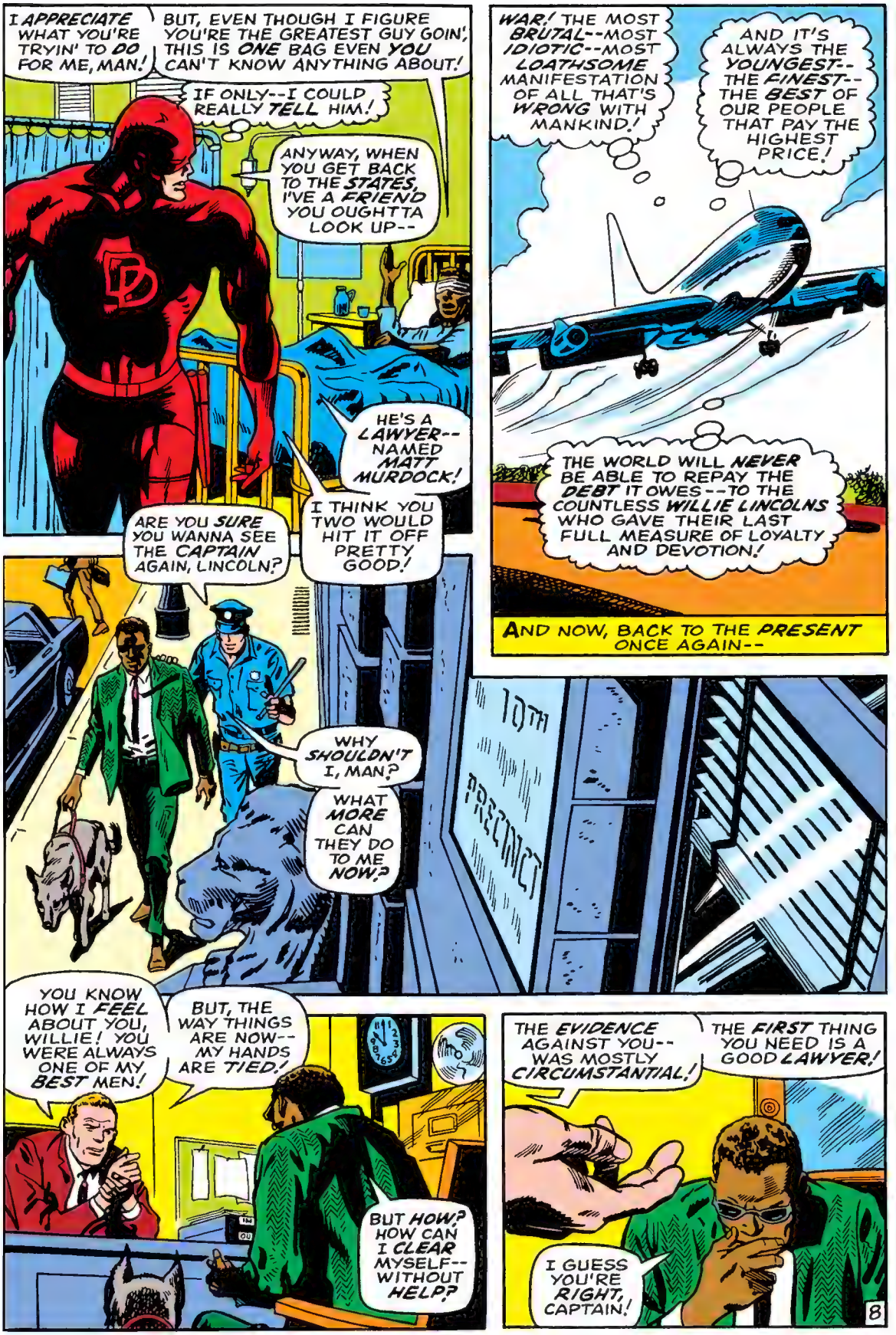
STAY WITH IT, SON! YOU CAN DO HIM A LOT MORE GOOD THAN ANY MEDICINE OF MINE!
DUNNO IF I'M MUCH AT MORALE-BUILDING, DOC--
BUT I'LL SURE DO MY BEST!
THEN, AS THE SLOW, HUMID, VIETNAMESE AFTERNOON DRAGS ON--
NOT MUCH TO TELL, DD! CHARLIE LOBBED A GRENADE SMACK-DAB IN THE CENTER OF MY SQUAD--AND SOMEBODY HAD TO GO FOR IT!
AT LEAST YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR SIGHT IN VAIN!
YOU MANAGED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF YOUR ENTIRE SQUAD!
YEAH, I'M SURE TO GET ME A NICE SHINY MEDAL--WHEN THEY SEND ME BACK --TO NOWHERE!
WILLIAM LINCOLN
WHAT DID YOU DO, WILLIE--BACK IN CIVILIAN LIFE?
WAS IT SOMETHING YOU CAN RETURN TO--EVEN NOW?
YOU KIDDING, MAN? HERE'S A LAUGH FOR YOU--I WAS A COP!
OH! I-I DIDN'T KNOW!
PERHAPS YOU CAN STILL RETURN TO THE FORCE--IN SOME CAPACITY?
NOT A PRAYER, PAL!
WHAT'S THE DIFF? IT DON'T MATTER ANY MORE!
EVEN BEFORE THIS HAPPENED --I COULDN'T HAVE GONE BACK!
WHY NOT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OKAY, MISTER! I'M NOT ABOUT TO PRY! BUT, LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT--
THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE--WITHOUT SIGHT--WHO LEAD USEFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES!
SKIP IT, DD! IT AIN'T A PRETTY YARN ANYHOW!
AND IT'S SOMETHING--I GOTTA 'TEND TO--BY MYSELF!
ALL IT TAKES IS GUTS--THE KIND OF GUTS YOU'RE LOADED WITH, WILLIE!


I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO DO FOR ME, MAN!
BUT, EVEN THOUGH I FIGURE YOU'RE THE GREATEST GUY GOIN', THIS IS ONE BAG EVEN YOU CAN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT!
IF ONLY--I COULD REALLY TELL HIM!
ANYWAY, WHEN YOU GET BACK TO THE STATES, I'VE A FRIEND YOU OUGHTTA LOOK UP--
HE'S A LAWYER--NAMED MATT MURDOCK!
I THINK YOU TWO WOULD HIT IT OFF PRETTY GOOD!
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA SEE THE CAPTAIN AGAIN, LINCOLN?
WHY SHOULDN'T I, MAN?
WHAT MORE CAN THEY DO TO ME NOW?
WAR! THE MOST BRUTAL--MOST IDIOTIC--MOST LOATHSOME MANIFESTATION OF ALL THAT'S WRONG WITH MANKIND!
AND IT'S ALWAYS THE YOUNGEST--THE FINEST--THE BEST OF OUR PEOPLE THAT PAY THE HIGHEST PRICE!
THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY THE DEBT IT OWES--TO THE COUNTLESS WILLIE LINCOLNS WHO GAVE THEIR LAST FULL MEASURE OF LOYALTY AND DEVOTION!
AND NOW, BACK TO THE PRESENT ONCE AGAIN--
10TH PRECINCT
YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU, WILLIE! YOU WERE ALWAYS ONE OF MY BEST MEN!
BUT, THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW--MY HANDS ARE TIED!
BUT HOW? HOW CAN I CLEAR MYSELF--WITHOUT HELP?
THE EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU--WAS MOSTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL!
THE FIRST THING YOU NEED IS A GOOD LAWYER!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, CAPTAIN!
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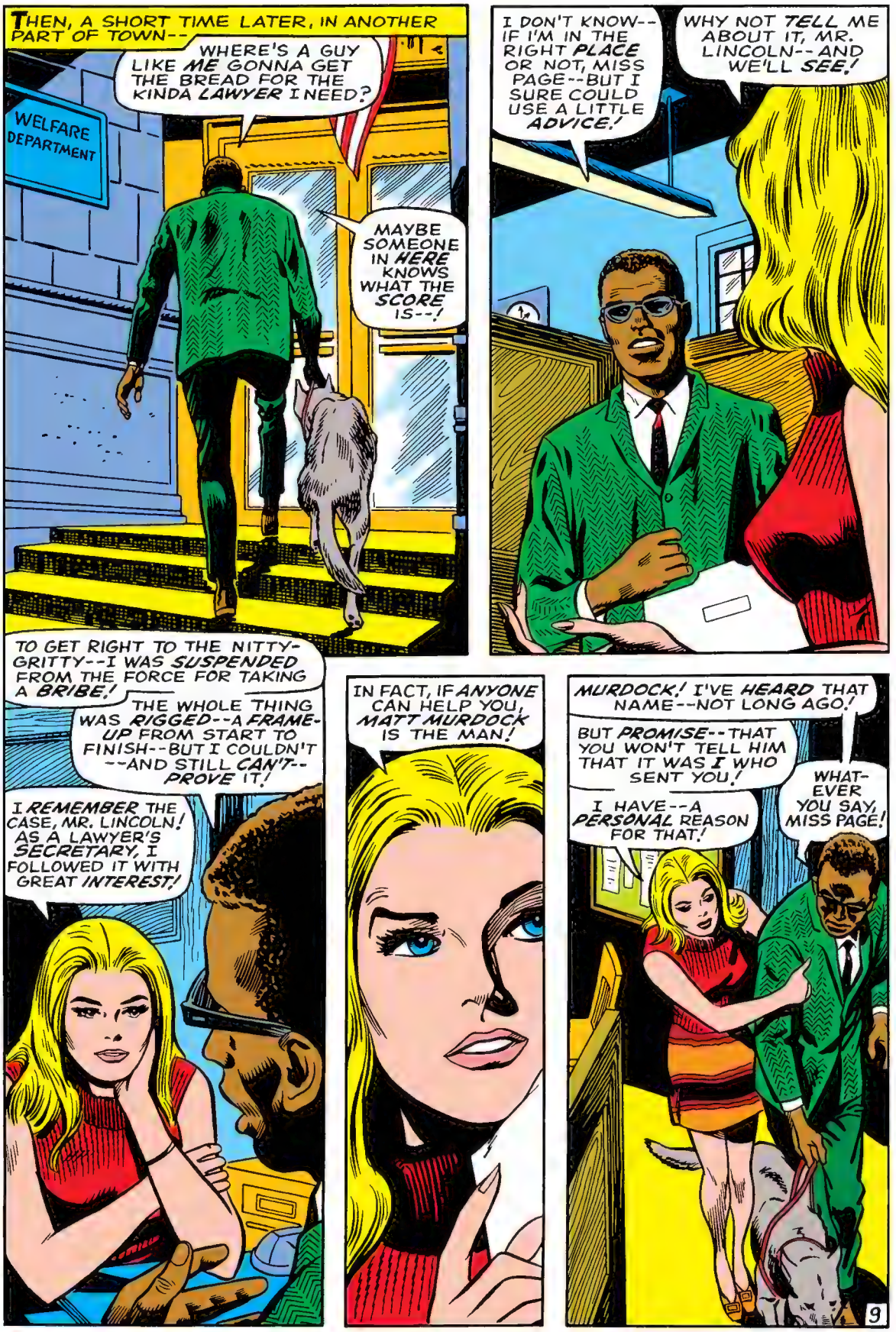
THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN--
WELFARE DEPARTMENT
WHERE'S A GUY LIKE ME GONNA GET THE BREAD FOR THE KINDA LAWYER I NEED?
MAYBE SOMEONE IN HERE KNOWS WHAT THE SCORE IS--!
I DON'T KNOW--IF I'M IN THE RIGHT PLACE OR NOT, MISS PAGE--BUT I SURE COULD USE A LITTLE ADVICE!
WHY NOT TELL ME ABOUT IT, MR. LINCOLN--AND WE'LL SEE!
TO GET RIGHT TO THE NITTY-GRITTY--I WAS SUSPENDED FROM THE FORCE FOR TAKING A BRIBE!
THE WHOLE THING WAS RIGGED--A FRAME-UP FROM START TO FINISH--BUT I COULDN'T --AND STILL CAN'T-- PROVE IT!
I REMEMBER THE CASE, MR. LINCOLN! AS A LAWYER'S SECRETARY, I FOLLOWED IT WITH GREAT INTEREST!
IN FACT, IF ANYONE CAN HELP YOU, MATT MURDOCK IS THE MAN!
MURDOCK! I'VE HEARD THAT NAME--NOT LONG AGO!
BUT PROMISE--THAT YOU WON'T TELL HIM THAT IT WAS I WHO SENT YOU!
I HAVE--A PERSONAL REASON FOR THAT!
WHAT-EVER YOU SAY, MISS PAGE!
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THEN, A SHORT TIME LATER--
MR. MURDOCK --I'M WILLIE LINCOLN!
TALK ABOUT A SMALL WORLD! BUT, I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT WE'VE ALREADY MET!
A PLEASURE, MR. LINCOLN! LET ME GET YOU A CHAIR, AND YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!
THERE'S THIS MOB, RUN BY BIGGIE BENSON--THEY TRIED TO GET TO ME-- BUT NEVER COULD!
SO THEY DID THE NEXT BEST THING--
THEY GOT ME OUT OF THE WAY--BY FRAMING ME!
SEPT. 5
THEY GOT SOME PATSY TO SWEAR HE SAW ME TAKING A PAYOFF-- AND I COULD NEVER BREAK HIS STORY!
AND SO, WILLIE LINCOLN TALKS ON--AND ON-- WHILE MATT MURDOCK LISTENS--AND PLANS-- UNTIL--
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ONE CRUMMY LITTLE SUMMONS, BIGGIE?
ME WORRY ABOUT A NOBODY LIKE LINCOLN? FORGET IT!
I CAN BEAT THIS THING WITH MY EYES CLOSED!
AND SPEAKIN' OF THAT, I HEAR LINCOLN GOT BLINDED IN THE WAR!
YEAH, BOSS! AINT THAT JUST A REAL, CRYIN' SHAME?!!

I HEAR HE GOT HIMSELF A HOTSHOT MOUTHPIECE!
MEBBE WE OUGHTTA MAKE SURE HE NEVER GETS TO COURT, BIGGIE!
YEAH! WHY DON'TCHA DO THAT LITTLE THING, PAL?
AND SO--MINUTES LATER--
C'MON DOWN, LINCOLN! I KNOW YER THERE!
WE MIGHT AS WELL GET IT OVER WITH FAST!
ONE OF BIGGIE'S HOODS--JUST LIKE I FIGURED!
IT'S LUCKY THESE THICK-DOMED PUNKS ARE SO PREDICTABLE!
SORRY, MAN--WILLIE'S BUSY!
BUT MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU!
ZOK!
WHAP!
NOW, CUDDLES, HOW ABOUT DOING ME A LITTLE FAVOR?
--LIKE DELIVER AN EASY MESSAGE--
TELL BIGGIE I'M DISAPPOINTED IN HIM!
I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO SEND A BOY--TO DO A MAN'S JOB!
YEAH! HE'LL GET A BOOT OUT OF THAT!
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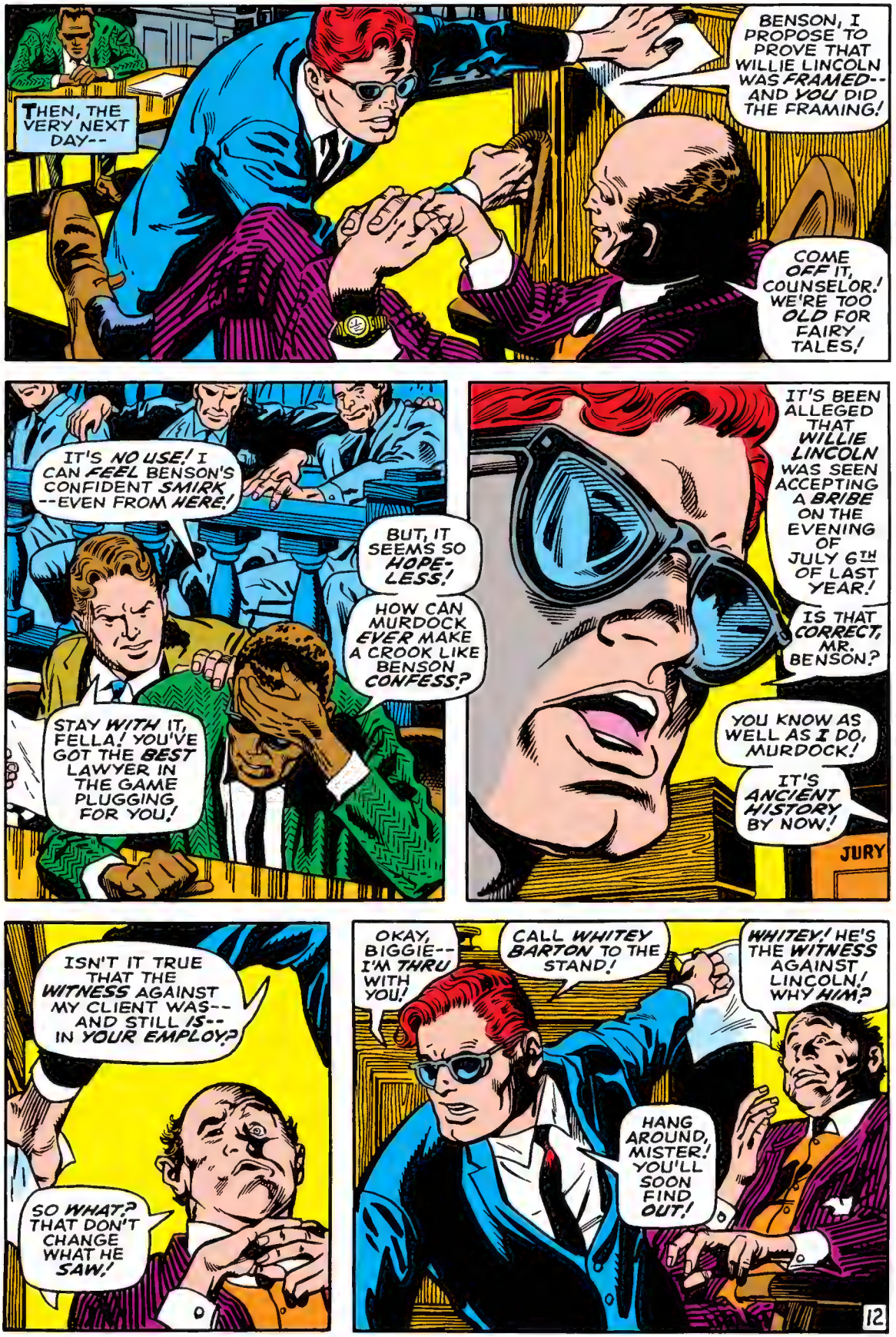
THEN, THE VERY NEXT DAY--
BENSON, I PROPOSE TO PROVE THAT WILLIE LINCOLN WAS FRAMED-- AND YOU DID THE FRAMING!
COME OFF IT, COUNSELOR! WE'RE TOO OLD FOR FAIRY TALES!
IT'S NO USE! I CAN FEEL BENSON'S CONFIDENT SMIRK --EVEN FROM HERE!
BUT, IT SEEMS SO HOPE-LESS!
HOW CAN MURDOCK EVER MAKE A CROOK LIKE BENSON CONFESS?
STAY WITH IT, FELLA! YOU'VE GOT THE BEST LAWYER IN THE GAME PLUGGING FOR YOU!
IT'S BEEN ALLEGED THAT WILLIE LINCOLN WAS SEEN ACCEPTING A BRIBE ON THE EVENING OF JULY 6TH OF LAST YEAR!
IS THAT CORRECT, MR. BENSON?
YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO, MURDOCK!
IT'S ANCIENT HISTORY BY NOW!
JURY
ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THE WITNESS AGAINST MY CLIENT WAS-- AND STILL IS-- IN YOUR EMPLOY?
SO WHAT? THAT DON'T CHANGE WHAT HE SAW!
OKAY, BIGGIE-- I'M THRU WITH YOU!
CALL WHITEY BARTON TO THE STAND!
WHITEY! HE'S THE WITNESS AGAINST LINCOLN! WHY HIM?
HANG AROUND, MISTER! YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!

BARTON, YOU CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN MY CLIENT TAKE A PAYOFF ON THE NIGHT OF JULY SIXTH!
YOU BET I DID, MURDOCK!
AND YOU CAN'T SHAKE MY STORY!
I SAW HIM CLEAR AS COULD BE-- FROM MY WINDOW-- HALF-WAY DOWN THE STREET!
THAT'S VERY INTERESTING--CONSIDERING THE WEATHER REPORT I'VE OBTAINED!
WEATHER REPORT? WADDAYA MEAN? WADDAYA TALKING ABOUT?
EVEN A MAN WITH PERFECT EYESIGHT--WHICH YOU DON'T HAVE--COULDN'T HAVE SEEN ANYTHING ON THE FOGGIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!
NOW WAIT! YOU AINT HANGIN' A PERJURY WRAP ON ME!
BIGGIE MADE ME SAY IT! HE SAID I'D BE RUBBED OUT IF I DIDN'T! WHAT WAS I TO DO?
YOU FOOL!! HE TRICKED YOU! THERE WASN'T ANY FOG THAT NIGHT! YOU JUST BLEW THE WHOLE THING!
EASY, BOSS! WE'RE IN ENOUGH TROUBLE NOW!
HE DID IT! MURDOCK EXONERATED WILLIE LINCOLN!
THAT GUY IS DYNAMITE! HE HASN'T LOST ONE YET!
HOURS LATER, THE EARLY EDITIONS HIT THE STREET WITH BANNER HEADLINES--
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FINAL
New York, N.Y. 10017, Tuesday Sept. 17, 1968
WILLIE LINCOLN CLEARED!
BIGGIE BENTON OUT ON $25,000 BAIL!
MATT MURDOCK, SIGHTLESS ATTORNEY, PULLS ANOTHER COUP!
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COURT STUNNED BY COUNSELOR'S DARING LEGAL TACTIC
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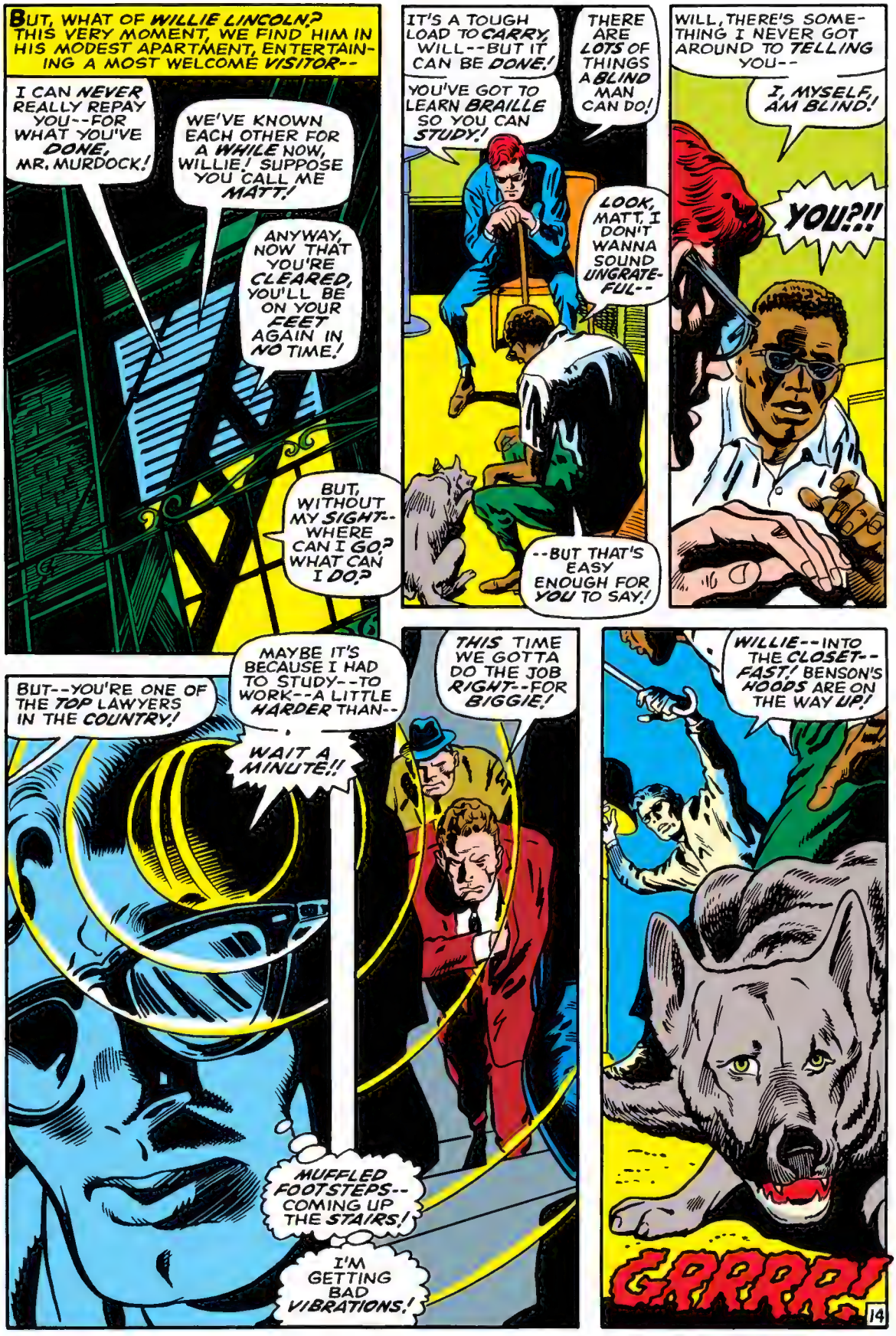
BUT, WHAT OF WILLIE LINCOLN? THIS VERY MOMENT, WE FIND HIM IN HIS MODEST APARTMENT, ENTERTAINING A MOST WELCOME VISITOR--
I CAN NEVER REALLY REPAY YOU--FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE, MR. MURDOCK!
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A WHILE NOW, WILLIE! SUPPOSE YOU CALL ME MATT!
ANYWAY, NOW THAT YOU'RE CLEARED, YOU'LL BE ON YOUR FEET AGAIN IN NO TIME!
BUT, WITHOUT MY SIGHT--WHERE CAN I GO? WHAT CAN I DO?
IT'S A TOUGH LOAD TO CARRY, WILL--BUT IT CAN BE DONE!
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS A BLIND MAN CAN DO!
YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN BRAILLE SO YOU CAN STUDY!
LOOK, MATT, I DON'T WANNA SOUND UNGRATEFUL--
--BUT THAT'S EASY ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SAY!
WILL, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEVER GOT AROUND TO TELLING YOU--
I, MYSELF, AM BLIND!
YOU?!!
BUT--YOU'RE ONE OF THE TOP LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY!
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I HAD TO STUDY--TO WORK--A LITTLE HARDER THAN--
WAIT A MINUTE!!
THIS TIME WE GOTTA DO THE JOB RIGHT--FOR BIGGIE!
MUFFLED FOOTSTEPS--COMING UP THE STAIRS!
I'M GETTING BAD VIBRATIONS!
WILLIE--INTO THE CLOSET--FAST! BENSON'S HOODS ARE ON THE WAY UP!
GRRRR!
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HE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN!
THIS'LL BE A LEAD-PIPE CINCH!
NO TIME TO CHANGE INTO COSTUME!
LUCKY IT'S PITCH DARK NOW!
WHERE IN BLAZES IS THE LIGHT SWITCH?
I CAN'T SEE A THING!
I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT THEM AS MATT MURDOCK!
IN FACT, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
WHAT DO YOU NEED LIGHT FOR?
I CAN GET ALONG FINE-- WITHOUT IT!
WHA--?!!
ZAK!
COME ON IN! DON'T BE SHY!
THERE'S ROOM FOR YOU, TOO!
IF I CAN STAY IN THE SHADOWS-- KEEP THEM FROM SEEING ME--
MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE THEM I'M REALLY WILLIE LINCOLN!
BOK!
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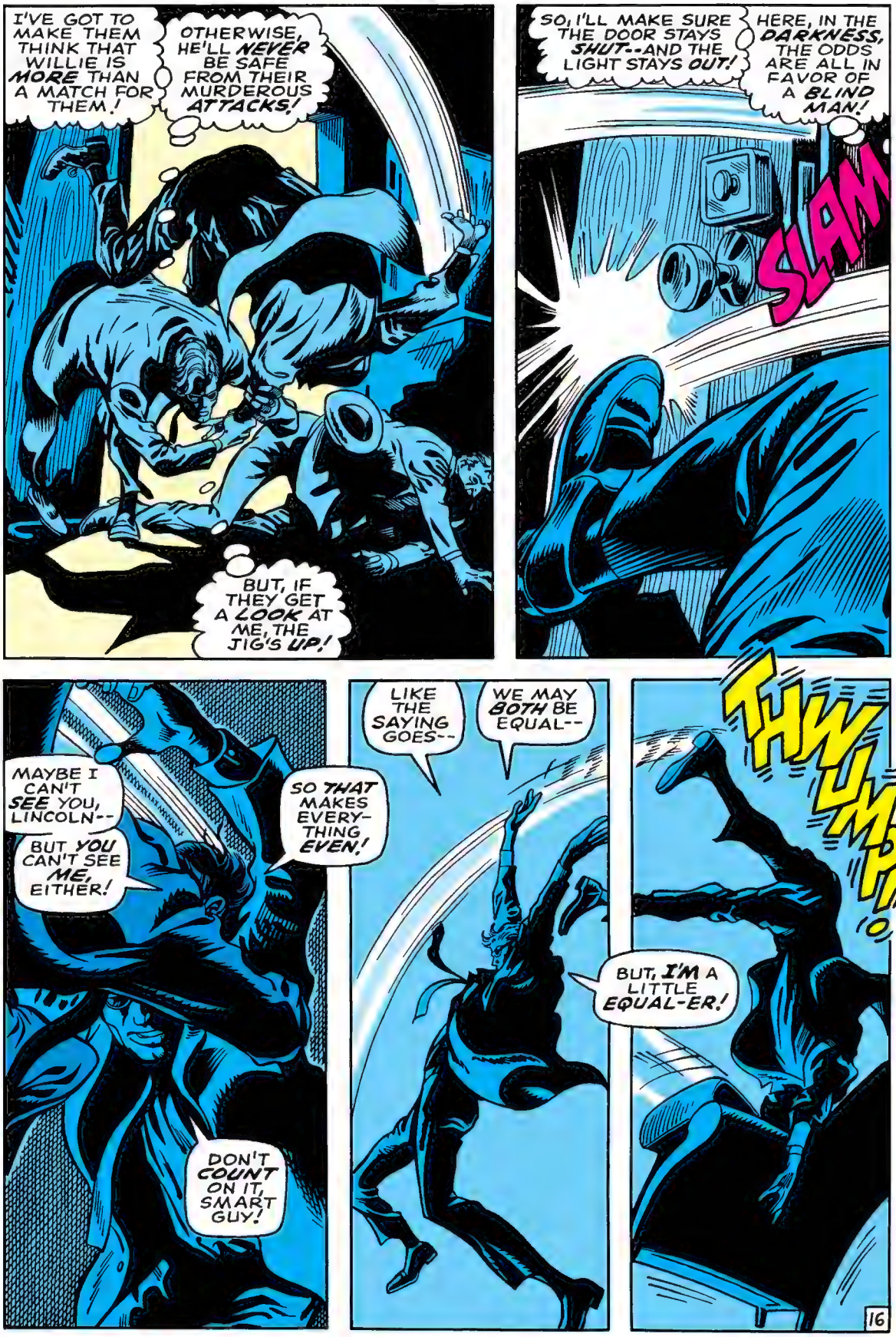
I'VE GOT TO MAKE THEM THINK THAT WILLIE IS MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THEM!
OTHERWISE, HE'LL NEVER BE SAFE FROM THEIR MURDEROUS ATTACKS!
BUT, IF THEY GET A LOOK AT ME, THE JIG'S UP!
SO, I'LL MAKE SURE THE DOOR STAYS SHUT--AND THE LIGHT STAYS OUT!
HERE, IN THE DARKNESS, THE ODDS ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF A BLIND MAN!
SLAM
MAYBE I CAN'T SEE YOU, LINCOLN--
BUT YOU CAN'T SEE ME, EITHER!
DON'T COUNT ON IT, SMART GUY!
SO THAT MAKES EVERY-THING EVEN!
LIKE THE SAYING GOES--
WE MAY BOTH BE EQUAL--
THWUMP!
BUT, I'M A LITTLE EQUAL-ER!
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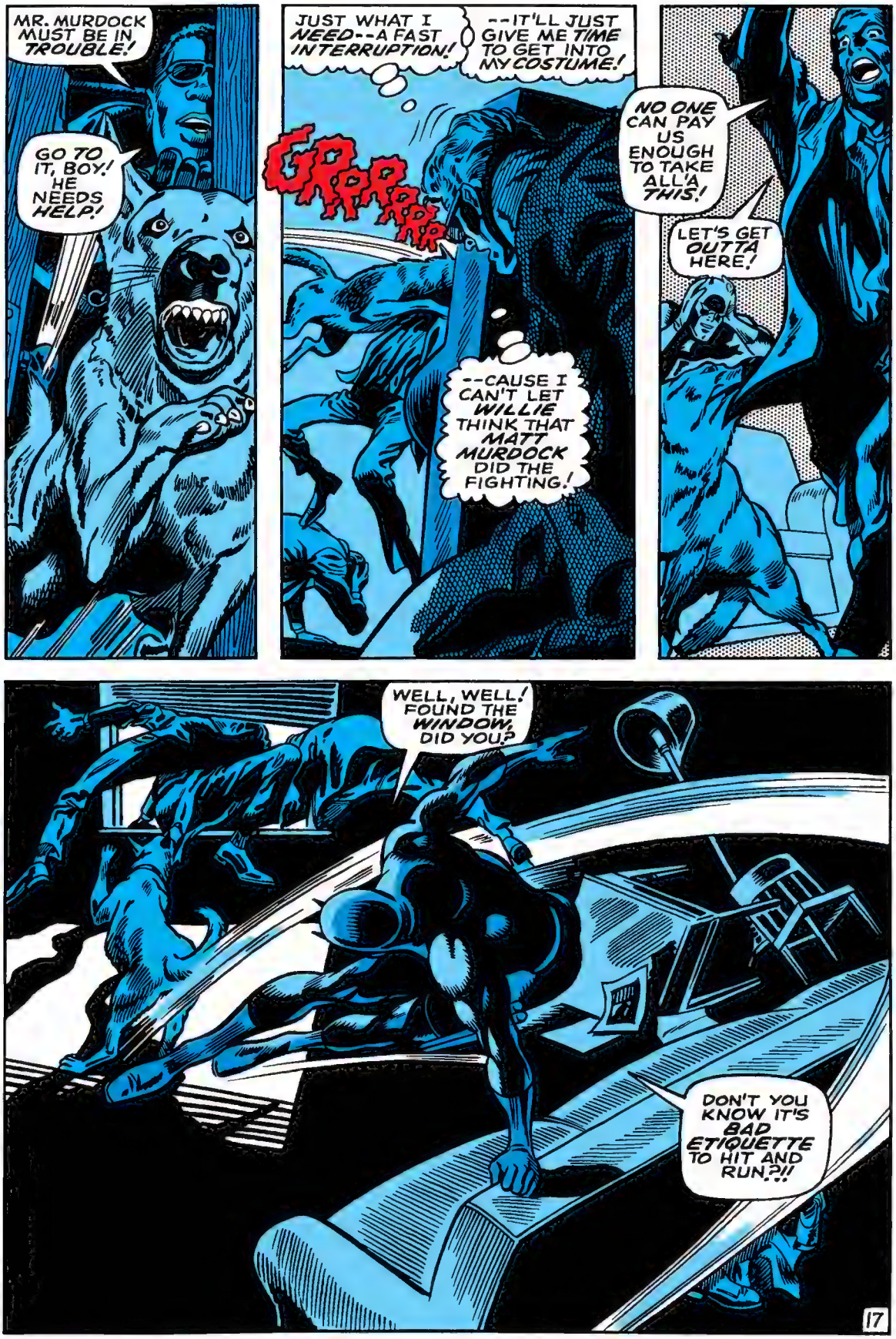
MR. MURDOCK MUST BE IN TROUBLE!
GO TO IT, BOY! HE NEEDS HELP!
JUST WHAT I NEED--A FAST INTERRUPTION!
--IT'LL JUST GIVE ME TIME TO GET INTO MY COSTUME!
GRRRRRRR
--CAUSE I CAN'T LET WILLIE THINK THAT MATT MURDOCK DID THE FIGHTING!
NO ONE CAN PAY US ENOUGH TO TAKE ALL'A THIS!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
WELL, WELL! FOUND THE WINDOW, DID YOU?
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S BAD ETIQUETTE TO HIT AND RUN?!!

IT'S A GOOD THING I WAS PASSING BY--AND HEARD THE RUCKUS!
DAREDEVIL!
THAT'S ALL WE NEED!
IT'S ALMOST UNFAIR OF ME TO PICK ON A COUPLE OF CLOWNS LIKE YOU!
AFTER ALL, IF YOU COULDN'T EVEN HOLD YOUR OWN AGAINST ONE UNARMED, SIGHTLESS VET--
KONK!
WHOA, CHARLIE!
DIDN'T THINK I'D FORGET ABOUT YOU?
I'D BETTER WRAP THIS UP NOW!
--AND MAKE SURE THAT WILLIE'S VERSION TIES IN WITH MINE!
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HERE-- LET ME HOLD YOUR COAT FOR YOU--!
YOU WON'T BE NEEDING IT WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
POK!
YOU CORNY, COSTUMED CLOWN!
YOU CAN'T BEAT ALL OF US!
H-HOW'D YOU DUCK SO FAST??
MAYBE I'LL WRITE A BOOK!
WATCH IT, USELESS!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE BLINDS COST??
FHAKK
OKAY, MASKED MAN! THIS IS THE WRAP-UP!
IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE--
GRRRR!
--IT'S A CORNY PUN!
HE COULDN'T KNOW I HEARD WILLIE'S DOG-- ABOUT TO LEAP AT HIM!

LATER--
PRETTY CLEVER OF YOU, HOLDING 'EM OFF THAT WAY IN THE DARK, WILLIE!
YEAH-- CLEVER!
WILLIE HATED TO LIE ABOUT HIS PART IN IT, BUT I CONVINCED HIM IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO INSURE NO FURTHER ATTACKS!
BIGGIE'S HOODS ARE TOO YELLOW TO TACKLE ANY-ONE WHO CAN FIGHT BACK!
BEFORE YOU GO, DAREDEVIL-- TELL ME--
WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. MURDOCK?
I GOT HIM SAFELY OUT OF HERE!
HE DIDN'T MIND LEAVING --ONCE HE KNEW THAT YOU WERE OUT OF DANGER!
HE'S ONE RIGHT GUY, THAT FELLA!
FUNNY... HE SAID THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU!
HE SAID HE'S GONNA TALK TO THE COMMISSIONER ABOUT YOU!
THERE ARE LOTS OF JOBS FOR A GOOD COP--
AND YOU WERE ONE OF THE BEST!
Y'KNOW, BOY-- JUST A SHORT TIME AGO I THOUGHT I'D REALLY HIT BOTTOM!
BUT THEN I FOUND ME A FRIEND--AND CLEARED MY NAME!
NOW, EVEN WITH-OUT MY EYES-- I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW--FOR THE FIRST TIME!
I FEEL LIKE I'M PART OF THE HUMAN RACE AGAIN!
MURDOCK NEVER MADE A BIG DEAL ABOUT IT--
BUT, WHEN YOU GET DOWN TO WHERE IT'S AT--
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT BROTHER-HOOD IS ALL ABOUT!
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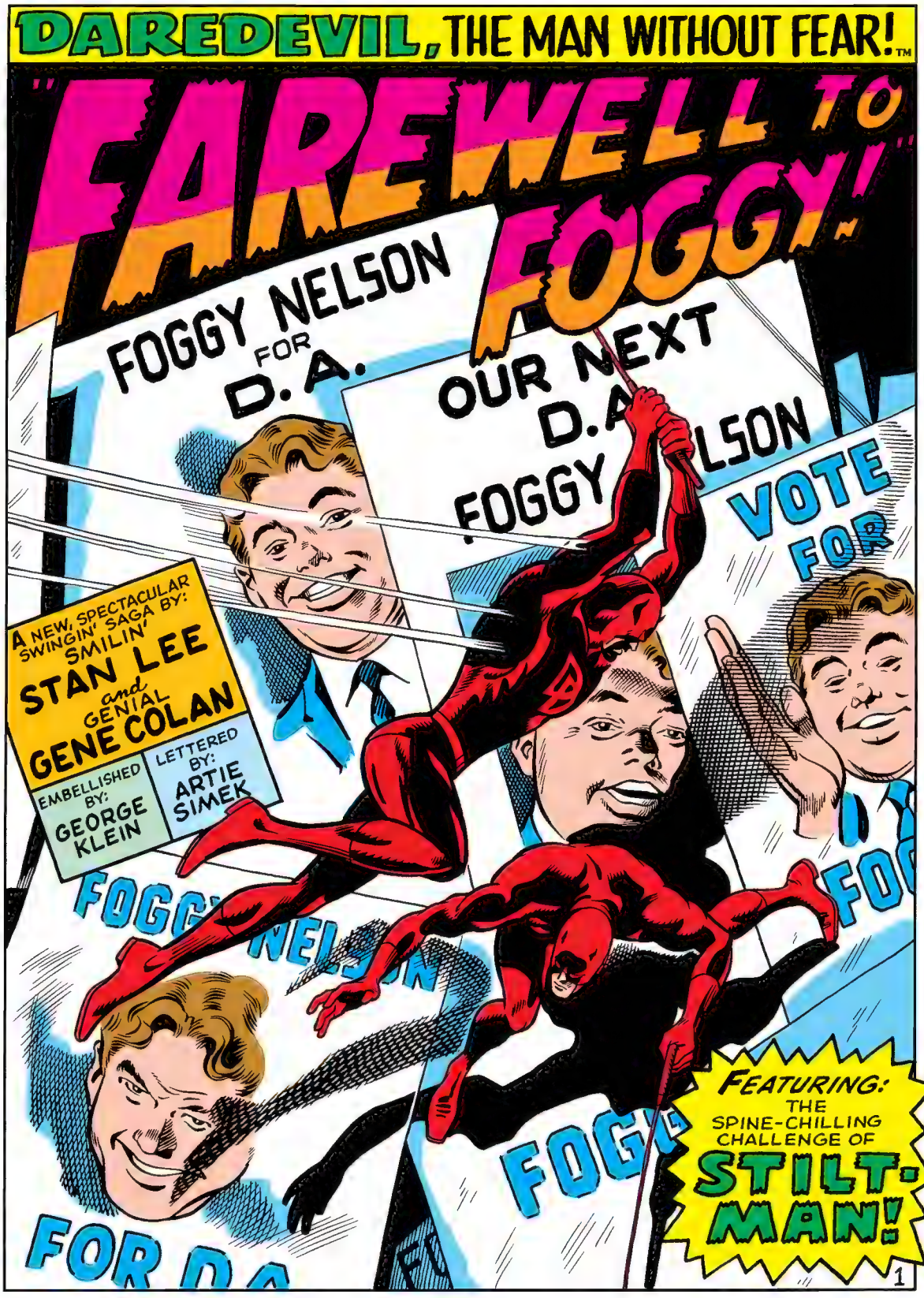
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OUR NEXT D.A. FOGGY NELSON
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EMBELLISHED BY: GEORGE KLEIN
LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK
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FOR D.A.
FEATURING: THE SPINE-CHILLING CHALLENGE OF STILT-MAN!
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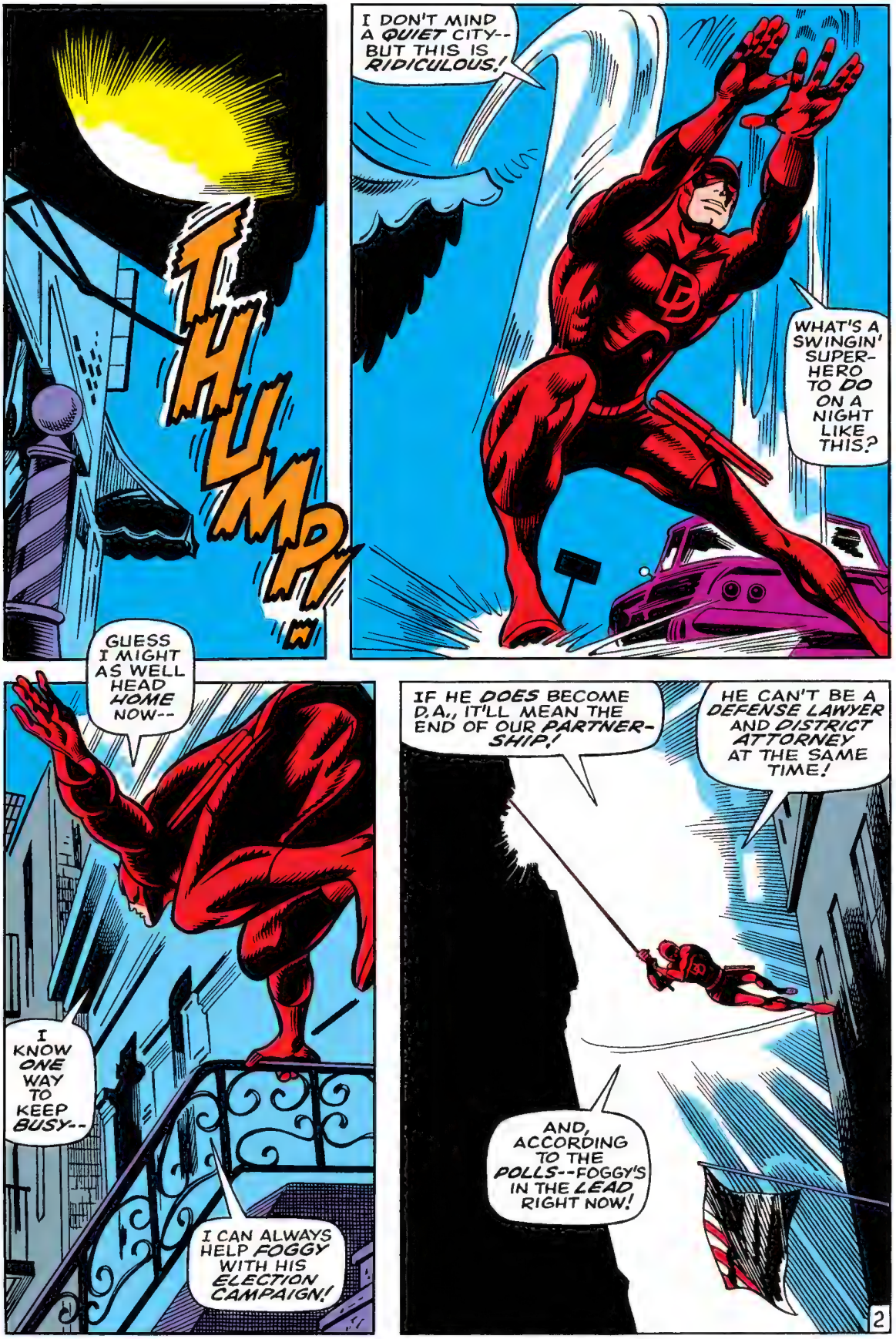
THUMP!
I DON'T MIND A QUIET CITY-- BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
WHAT'S A SWINGIN' SUPER-HERO TO DO ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?
GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL HEAD HOME NOW--
I KNOW ONE WAY TO KEEP BUSY--
I CAN ALWAYS HELP FOGGY WITH HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN!
IF HE DOES BECOME D.A., IT'LL MEAN THE END OF OUR PARTNER-SHIP!
HE CAN'T BE A DEFENSE LAWYER AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY AT THE SAME TIME!
AND, ACCORDING TO THE POLLS--FOGGY'S IN THE LEAD RIGHT NOW!
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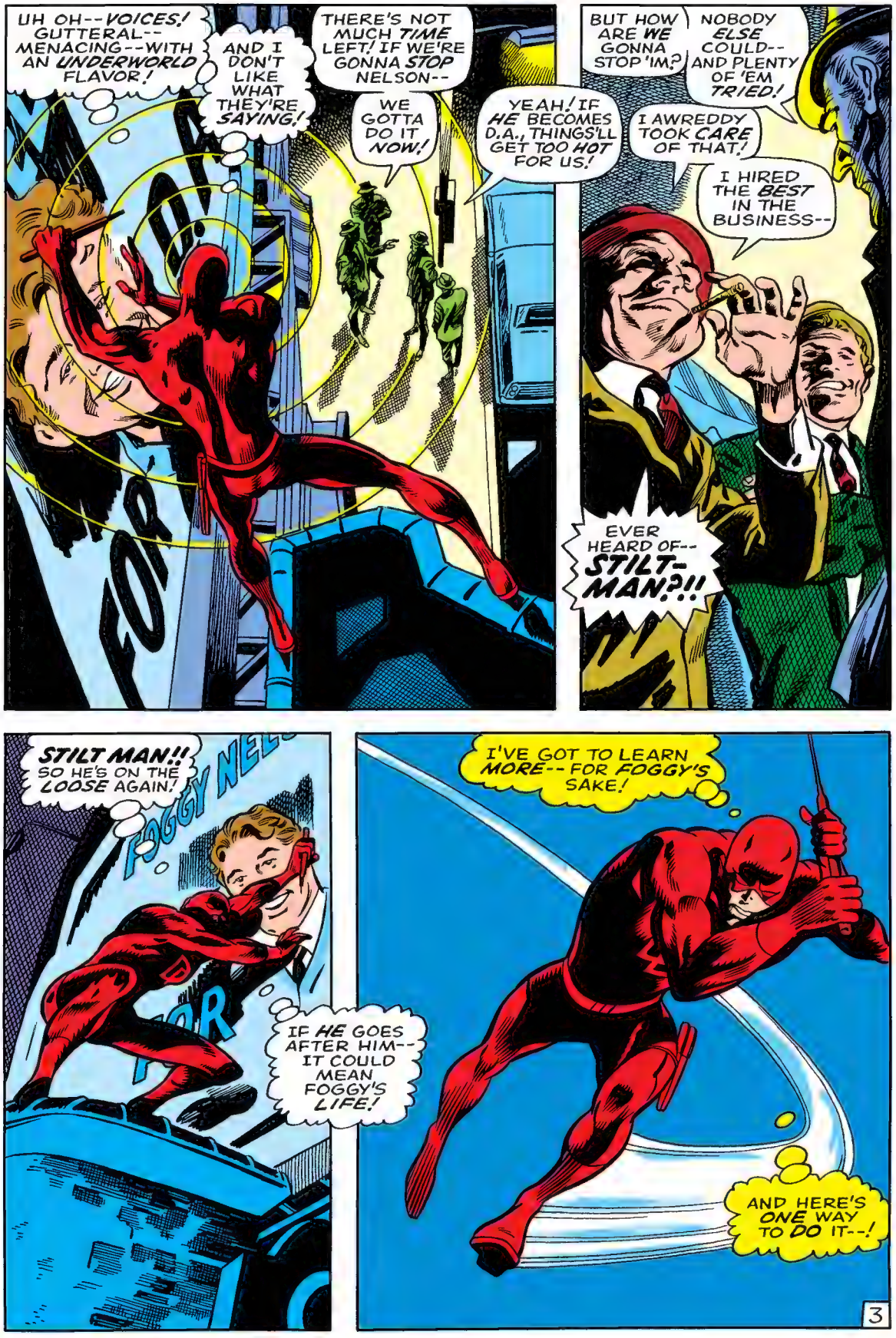
UH OH--VOICES! GUTTERAL--MENACING--WITH AN UNDERWORLD FLAVOR!
AND I DON'T LIKE WHAT THEY'RE SAYING!
THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! IF WE'RE GONNA STOP NELSON--
WE GOTTA DO IT NOW!
YEAH! IF HE BECOMES D.A., THINGS'LL GET TOO HOT FOR US!
BUT HOW ARE WE GONNA STOP 'IM?
NOBODY ELSE COULD--AND PLENTY OF 'EM TRIED!
I AWREDDY TOOK CARE OF THAT!
I HIRED THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS--
EVER HEARD OF--STILT-MAN?!!
STILT MAN!! SO HE'S ON THE LOOSE AGAIN!
FOGGY NEL
IF HE GOES AFTER HIM--IT COULD MEAN FOGGY'S LIFE!
I'VE GOT TO LEARN MORE--FOR FOGGY'S SAKE!
AND HERE'S ONE WAY TO DO IT--!
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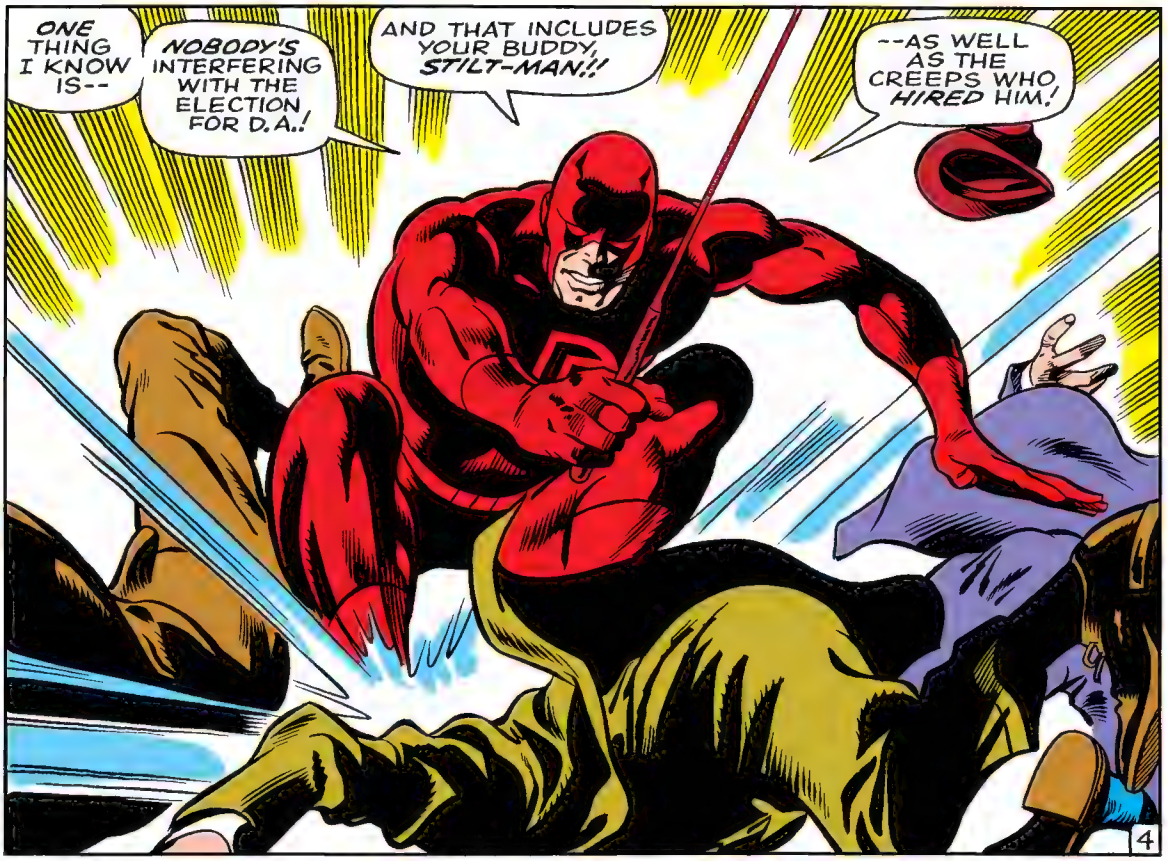
LOOK OUT!
IT'S DAREDEVIL!
SO WHERE'S THE BRASS BAND?
HE MUST KNOW SOMETHIN'!
THAT'S THE UNDER-STATEMENT OF THE YEAR!


ONE THING I KNOW IS--
NOBODY'S INTERFERING WITH THE ELECTION, FOR D.A.!
AND THAT INCLUDES YOUR BUDDY, STILT-MAN!!
--AS WELL AS THE CREEPS WHO HIRED HIM!

GET IN THE CAR, YOU GUYS!
I'LL HOLD 'IM OFF WHILE YA DO!
BOY! ARE YOU AN OPTIMIST!
YOU GOT ROCKS IN YER HEAD, CHARLIE??
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP HIM--
CLICK!
MEBBE SO, SWEETIE--
--BUT YOU HAVEN'T FOUND IT YET!
WHAT
WHERE'D YOU LEARN TO BE A BIG, BAD GUNMAN?
--WATCHING THE LATE SHOW?
I HAD IT!
THAT GUY AINT HUMAN!
LET'S GIT OUTTA HERE--
WHILE WE CAN!
GOOD THING WE KEPT THE MOTOR RUNNING!
GET GOIN'!
GIT IN AND SHUD-DUP!
HE'S RIGHT ON MY TAIL!
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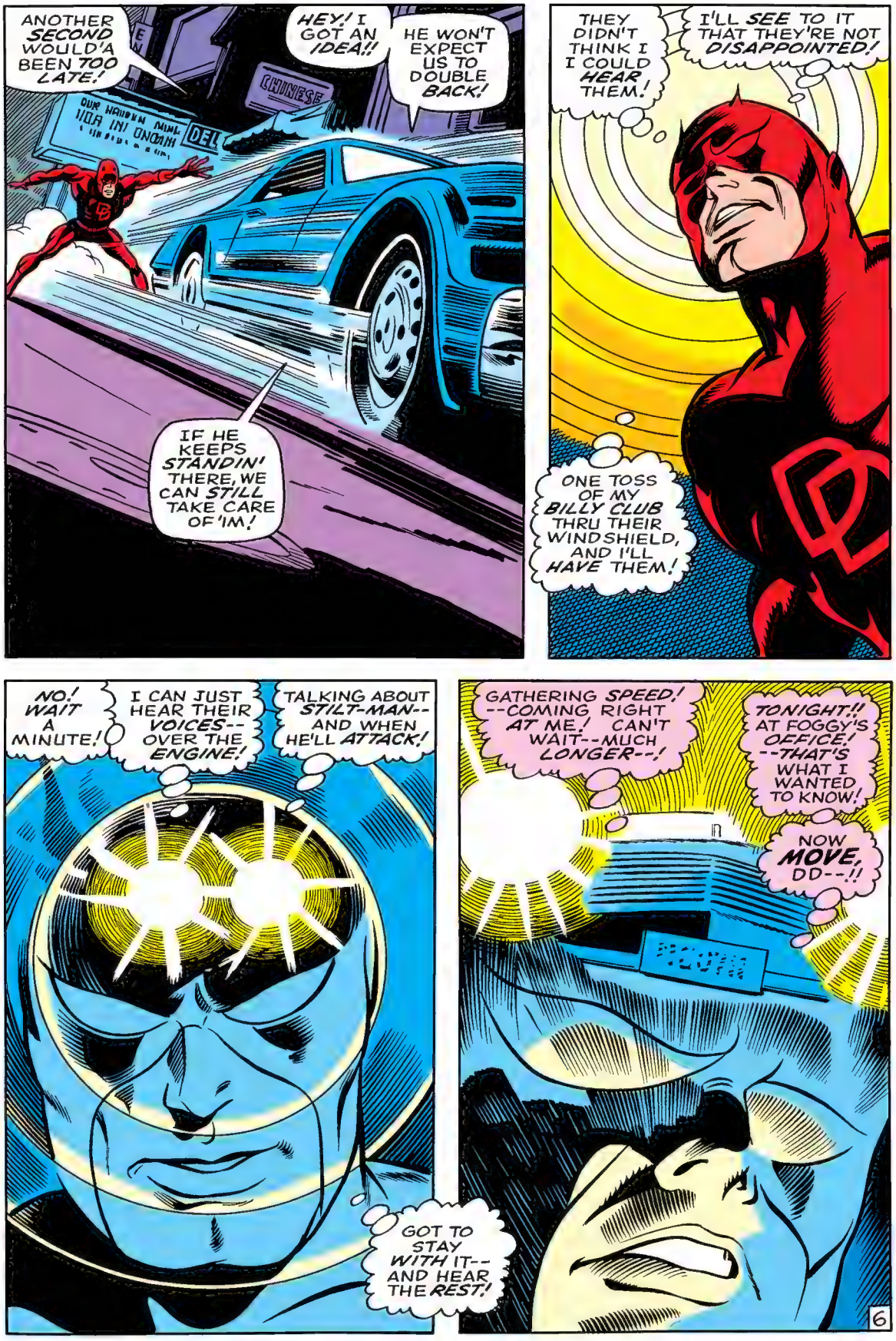
ANOTHER SECOND WOULD'A BEEN TOO LATE!
HEY! I GOT AN IDEA!!
HE WON'T EXPECT US TO DOUBLE BACK!
CHINESE
DEL
IF HE KEEPS STANDIN' THERE, WE CAN STILL TAKE CARE OF 'IM!
THEY DIDN'T THINK I I COULD HEAR THEM!
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED!
ONE TOSS OF MY BILLY CLUB THRU THEIR WINDSHIELD, AND I'LL HAVE THEM!
NO! WAIT A MINUTE!
I CAN JUST HEAR THEIR VOICES-- OVER THE ENGINE!
TALKING ABOUT STILT-MAN-- AND WHEN HE'LL ATTACK!
GOT TO STAY WITH IT-- AND HEAR THE REST!
GATHERING SPEED! --COMING RIGHT AT ME! CAN'T WAIT--MUCH LONGER--!
TONIGHT!! AT FOGGY'S OFFICE! --THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO KNOW!
NOW MOVE, DD--!!
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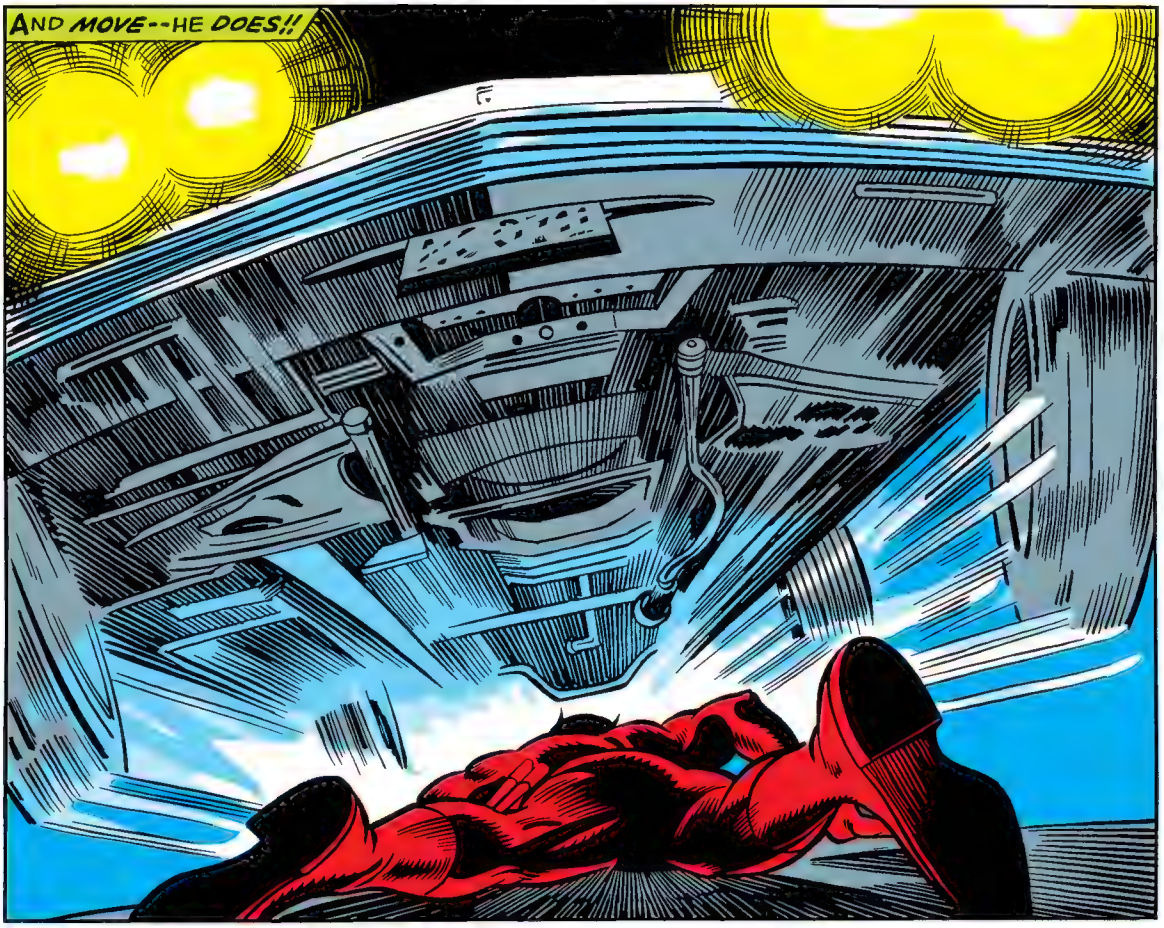
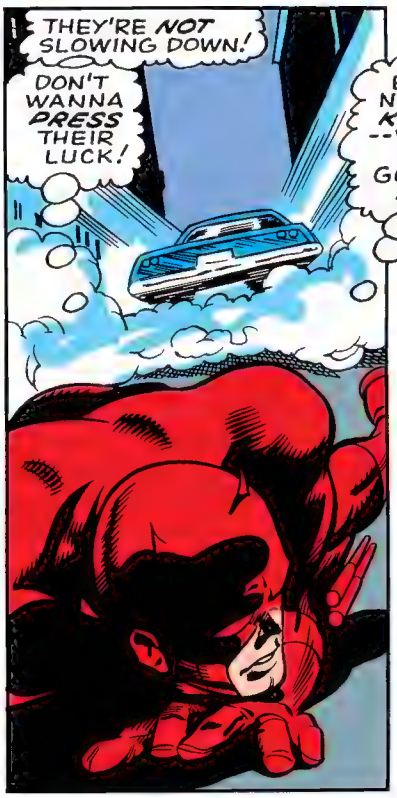
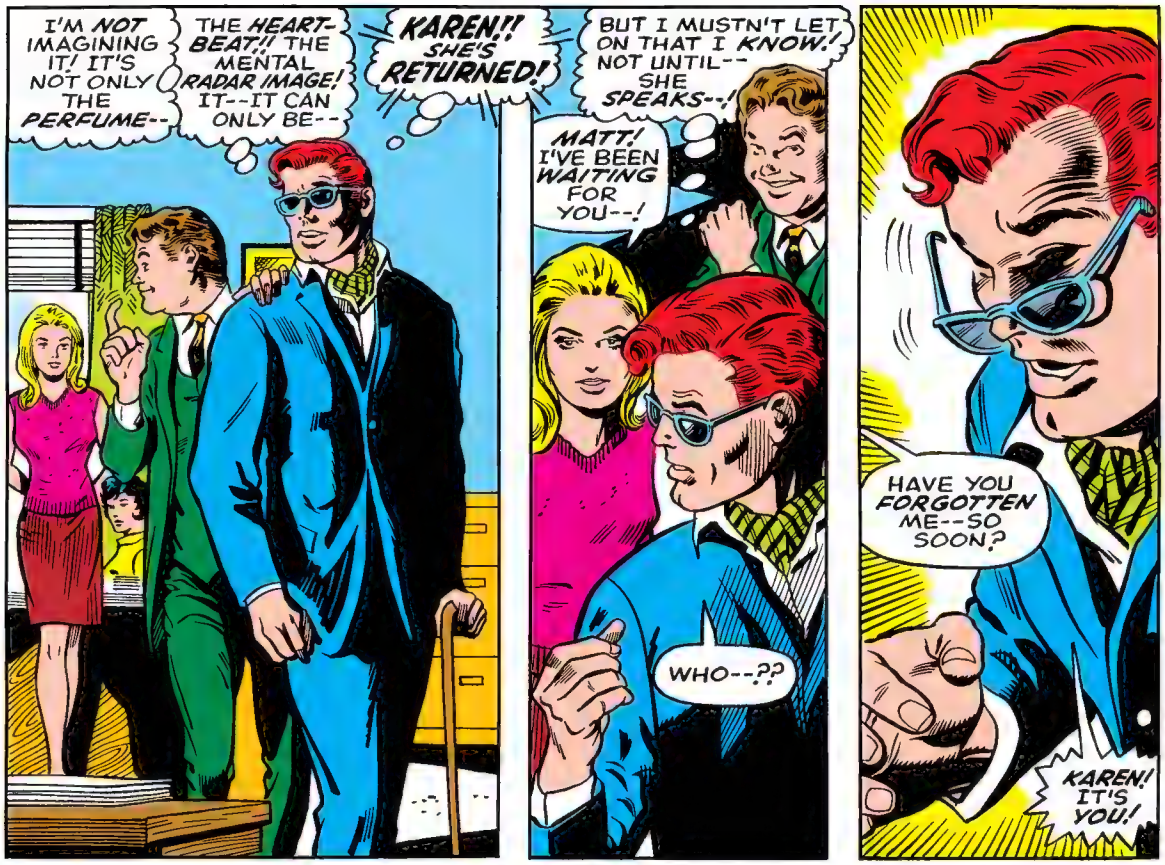
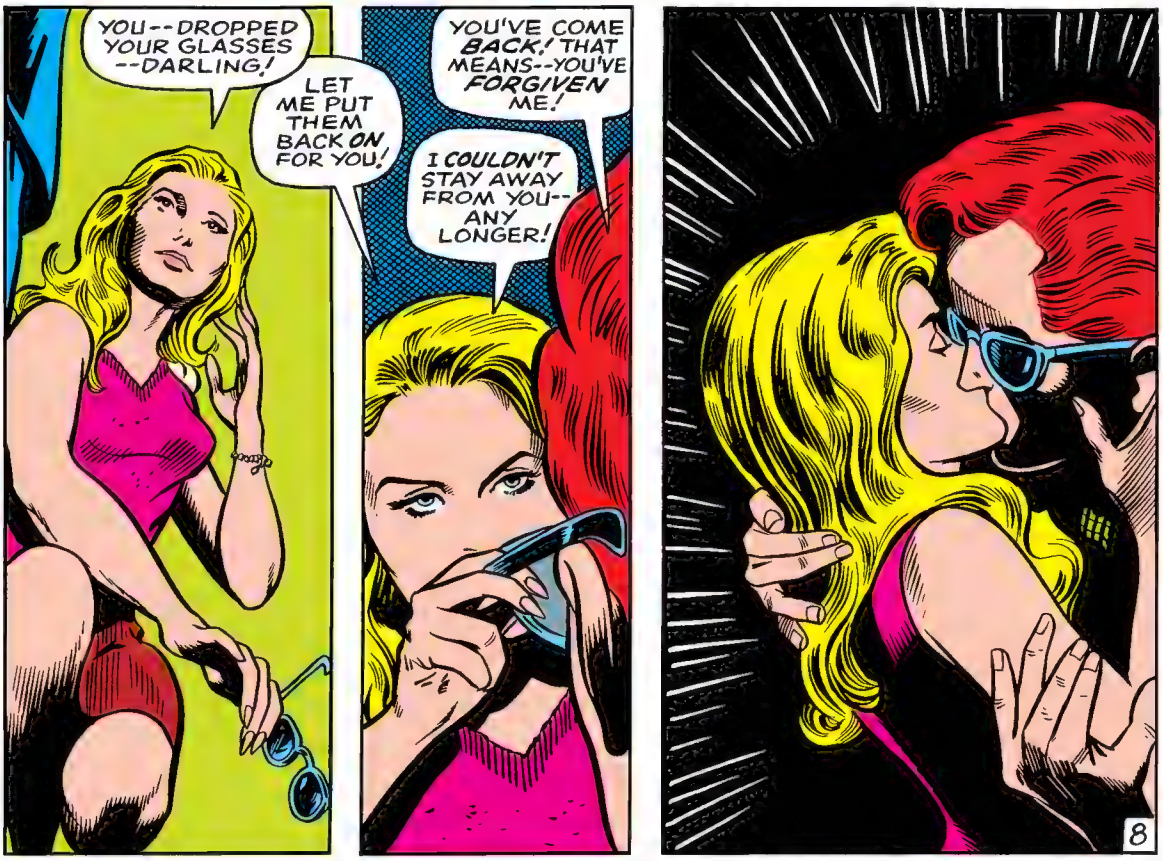

AND MOVE--HE DOES!!


THEY'RE NOT SLOWING DOWN!
DON'T WANNA PRESS THEIR LUCK!
BUT NOW I KNOW --WHAT I'VE GOT TO DO!

I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I'M HERE ALONE TONIGHT--
WHEN THE STILT-MAN COMES TO CALL!
THAT FRAGRANCE! THAT SPECIAL PERFUME--!
IT CAN'T BE! AND YET--!
MURDOCK AND NELSON ATTORNEYS
NO! I MUST BE IMAGINING IT!


I'M NOT IMAGINING IT! IT'S NOT ONLY THE PERFUME--
THE HEART-BEAT!! THE MENTAL RADAR IMAGE! IT--IT CAN ONLY BE--
KAREN!! SHE'S RETURNED!
BUT I MUSTN'T LET ON THAT I KNOW! NOT UNTIL-- SHE SPEAKS--!
MATT! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU--!
WHO--??
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME--SO SOON?
KAREN! IT'S YOU!


YOU--DROPPED YOUR GLASSES --DARLING!
LET ME PUT THEM BACK ON FOR YOU!
YOU'VE COME BACK! THAT MEANS--YOU'VE FORGIVEN ME!
I COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM YOU-- ANY LONGER!
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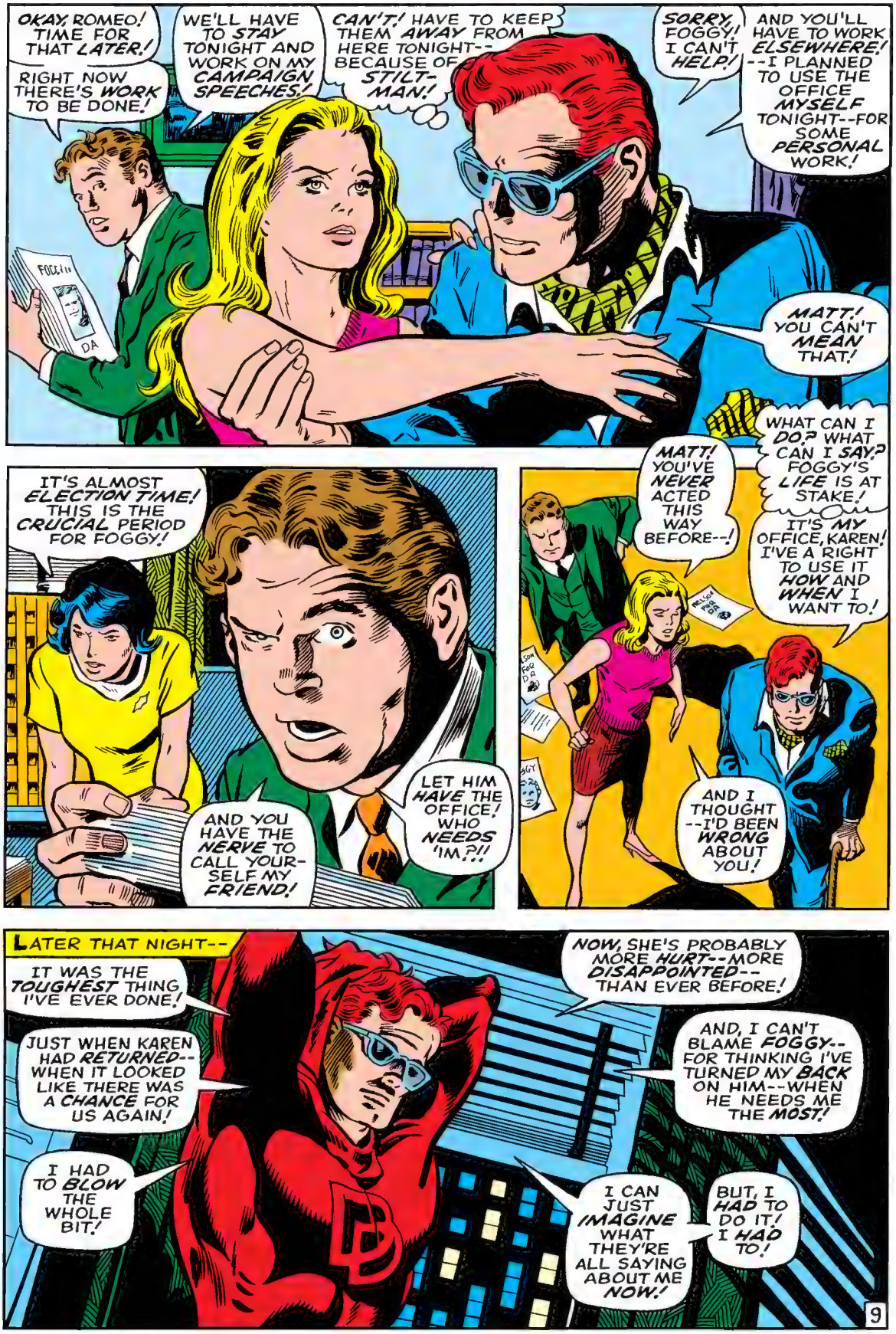
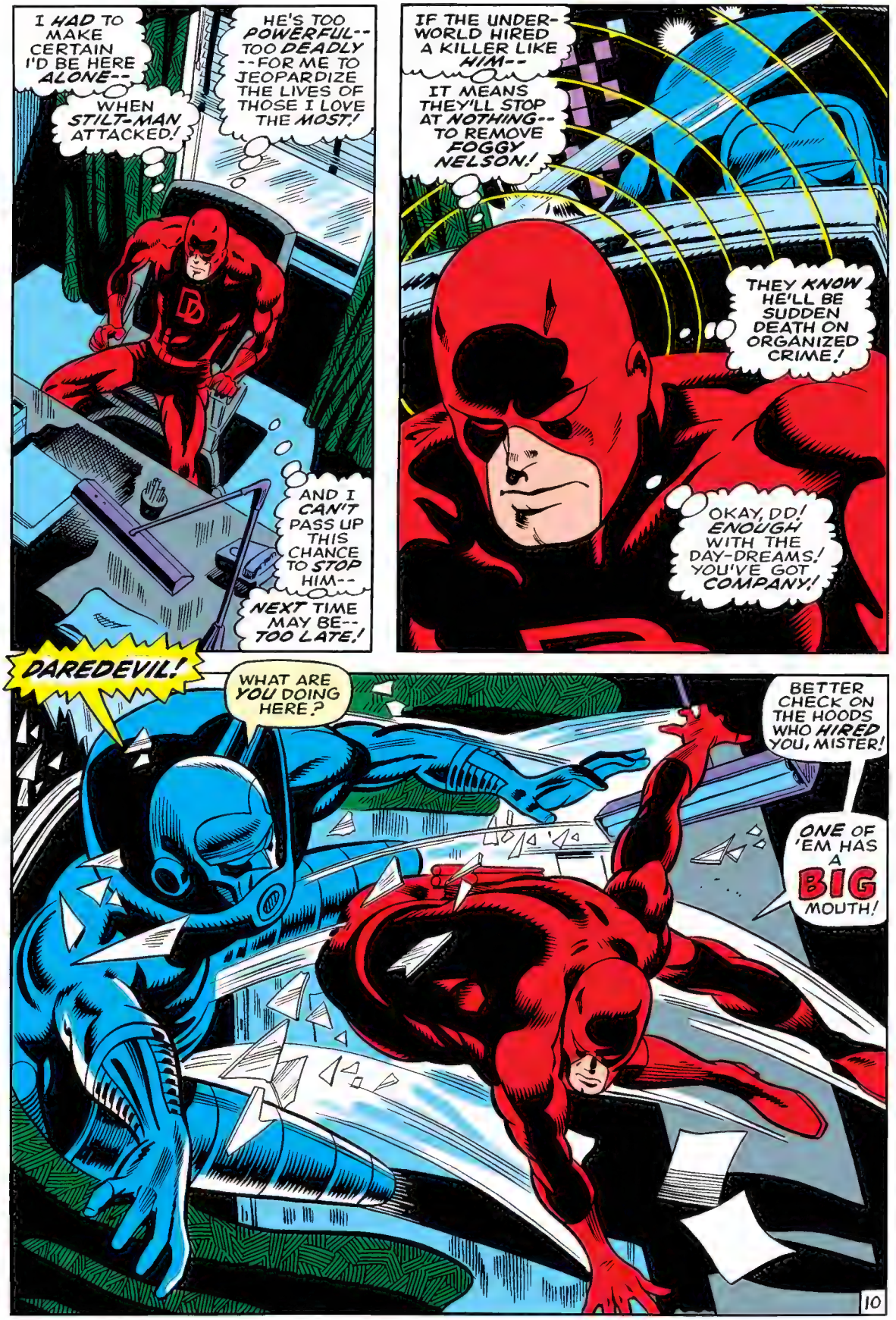
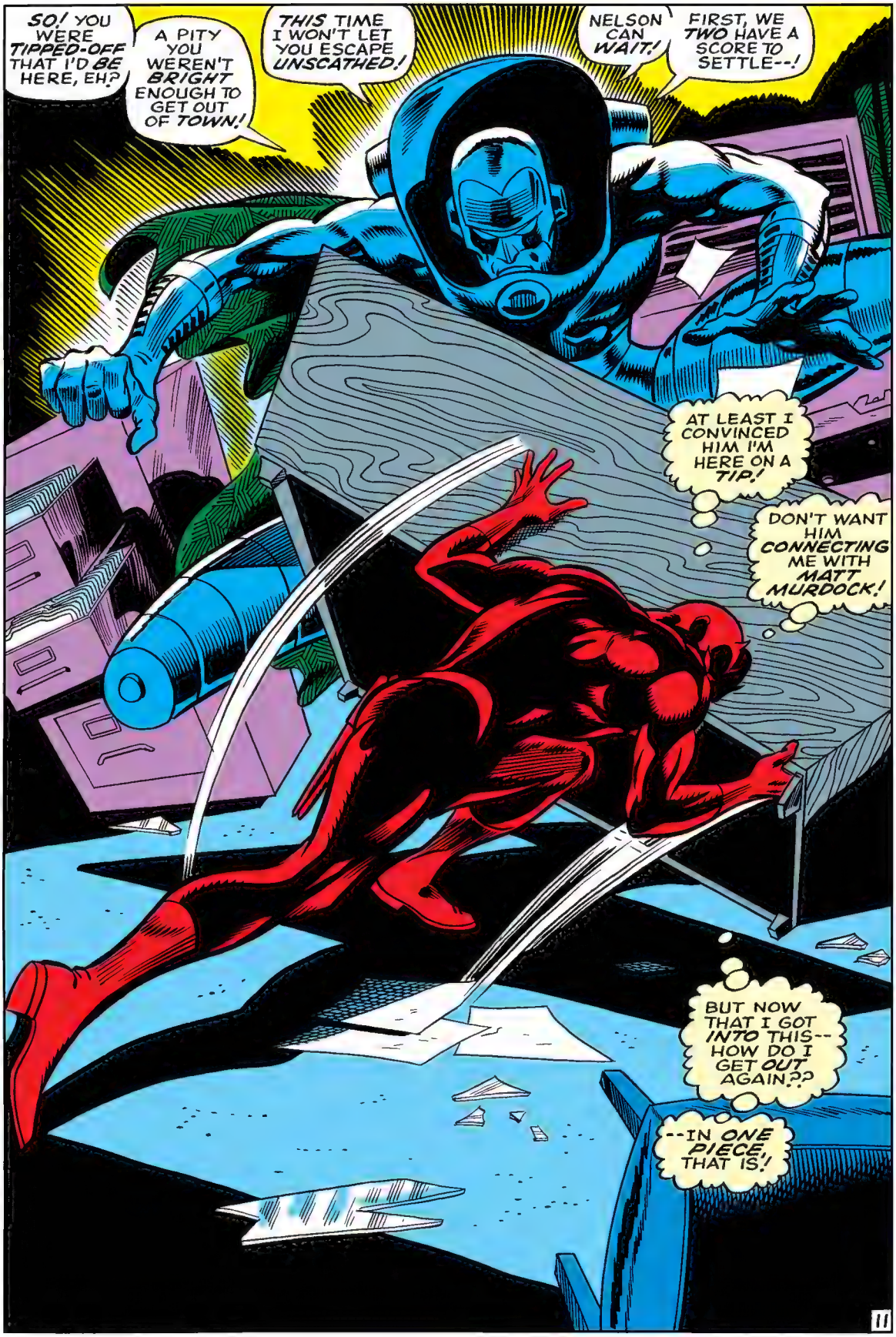

OKAY, ROMEO! TIME FOR THAT LATER!
RIGHT NOW THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE!
WE'LL HAVE TO STAY TONIGHT AND WORK ON MY CAMPAIGN SPEECHES!
CAN'T! HAVE TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM HERE TONIGHT-- BECAUSE OF STILT-MAN!
SORRY, FOGGY! I CAN'T HELP!
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO WORK ELSEWHERE! --I PLANNED TO USE THE OFFICE MYSELF TONIGHT--FOR SOME PERSONAL WORK!
MATT! YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!
IT'S ALMOST ELECTION TIME! THIS IS THE CRUCIAL PERIOD FOR FOGGY!
AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO CALL YOUR-SELF MY FRIEND!
LET HIM HAVE THE OFFICE! WHO NEEDS 'IM?!!
MATT! YOU'VE NEVER ACTED THIS WAY BEFORE--!
WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT CAN I SAY? FOGGY'S LIFE IS AT STAKE!
IT'S MY OFFICE, KAREN! I'VE A RIGHT TO USE IT HOW AND WHEN I WANT TO!
AND I THOUGHT --I'D BEEN WRONG ABOUT YOU!
LATER THAT NIGHT--
IT WAS THE TOUGHEST THING I'VE EVER DONE!
JUST WHEN KAREN HAD RETURNED-- WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS A CHANCE FOR US AGAIN!
I HAD TO BLOW THE WHOLE BIT!
NOW, SHE'S PROBABLY MORE HURT--MORE DISAPPOINTED-- THAN EVER BEFORE!
AND, I CAN'T BLAME FOGGY-- FOR THINKING I'VE TURNED MY BACK ON HIM--WHEN HE NEEDS ME THE MOST!
I CAN JUST IMAGINE WHAT THEY'RE ALL SAYING ABOUT ME NOW!
BUT, I HAD TO DO IT! I HAD TO!


I HAD TO MAKE CERTAIN I'D BE HERE ALONE--
WHEN STILT-MAN ATTACKED!
HE'S TOO POWERFUL-- TOO DEADLY --FOR ME TO JEOPARDIZE THE LIVES OF THOSE I LOVE THE MOST!
AND I CAN'T PASS UP THIS CHANCE TO STOP HIM--
NEXT TIME MAY BE-- TOO LATE!
IF THE UNDER-WORLD HIRED A KILLER LIKE HIM--
IT MEANS THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING-- TO REMOVE FOGGY NELSON!
THEY KNOW HE'LL BE SUDDEN DEATH ON ORGANIZED CRIME!
OKAY, DD! ENOUGH WITH THE DAY-DREAMS! YOU'VE GOT COMPANY!
DAREDEVIL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
BETTER CHECK ON THE HOODS WHO HIRED YOU, MISTER!
ONE OF 'EM HAS A BIG MOUTH!


SO! YOU WERE TIPPED-OFF THAT I'D BE HERE, EH?
A PITY YOU WEREN'T BRIGHT ENOUGH TO GET OUT OF TOWN!
THIS TIME I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE UNSCATHED!
NELSON CAN WAIT!
FIRST, WE TWO HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE--!
AT LEAST I CONVINCED HIM I'M HERE ON A TIP!
DON'T WANT HIM CONNECTING ME WITH MATT MURDOCK!
BUT NOW THAT I GOT INTO THIS-- HOW DO I GET OUT AGAIN??
--IN ONE PIECE, THAT IS!

THIS TIME I ATTACK FIRST!
WELL, BULLY FOR YOU!
MEANWHILE, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE DOING?
OH, YOU WON'T TALK, EH?
I'LL LEAVE THE TALKING --TO YOU!
--WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE TO DO IT!
DON'T JUST SIT HERE, DD!! MOVE!
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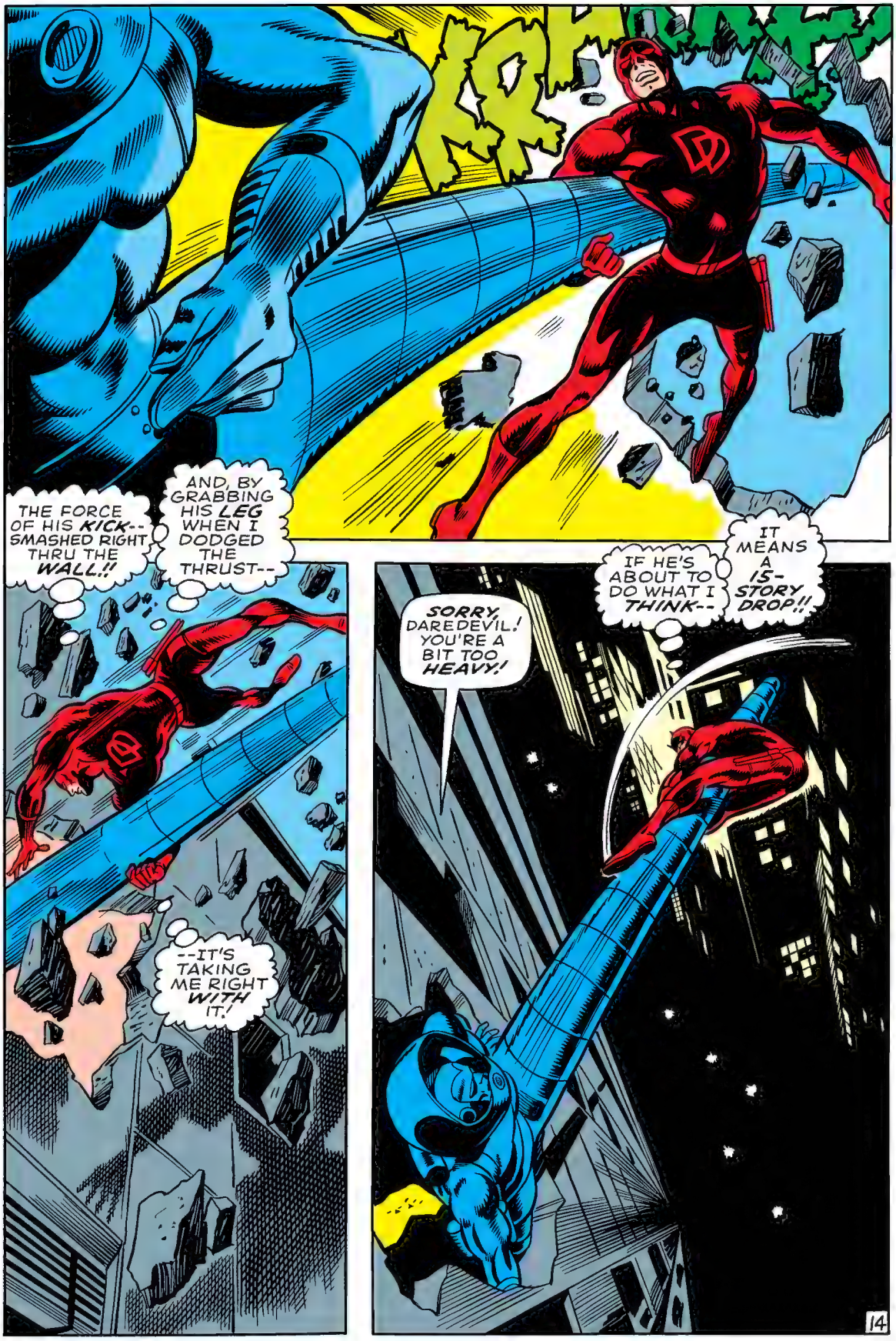
WHA--?? HE SLIPPED AWAY!
--BEFORE I COULD CONNECT!
HEY! OVER HERE, DUMMY!
YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D RUN OFF WITHOUT A FOND FAREWELL?
YOU WOULD HAVE, IF YOU KNEW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!
BUT NOW, IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE YOURSELF!
SAY! THERE'S AN ORIGINAL PHRASE!
DIDJA THINK IT UP ALL BY YOURSELF, STILTY?
MURDOCK AND NELSON
THAT'S IT, FOOL! YOU MAKE WITH THE SMALL TALK--
iiiP!
--WHILE STILT-MAN STRIKES!


KR-AK!
THE FORCE OF HIS KICK-- SMASHED RIGHT THRU THE WALL!!
AND, BY GRABBING HIS LEG WHEN I DODGED THE THRUST--
--IT'S TAKING ME RIGHT WITH IT!
SORRY, DAREDEVIL! YOU'RE A BIT TOO HEAVY!
IF HE'S ABOUT TO DO WHAT I THINK--
IT MEANS A 15-STORY DROP!!

I WAS RIGHT!
HE'S PRESSING HIS HYDRAULIC CONTROL STUD--
--RETRACTING HIS MECHANIZED LEG!!
AND I NEVER EVEN LEARNED TO FLY!
WHAM!
BUT I'M NOT GIVING HIM THE SATISFACTION OF SCOOPING ME UP WITH A BLOTTER!
--NOT IF I CAN WHIP OUT MY BILLY CLUB IN TIME!!
THWITTTT
FASTER, DD-- FASTER!!
GOT IT!
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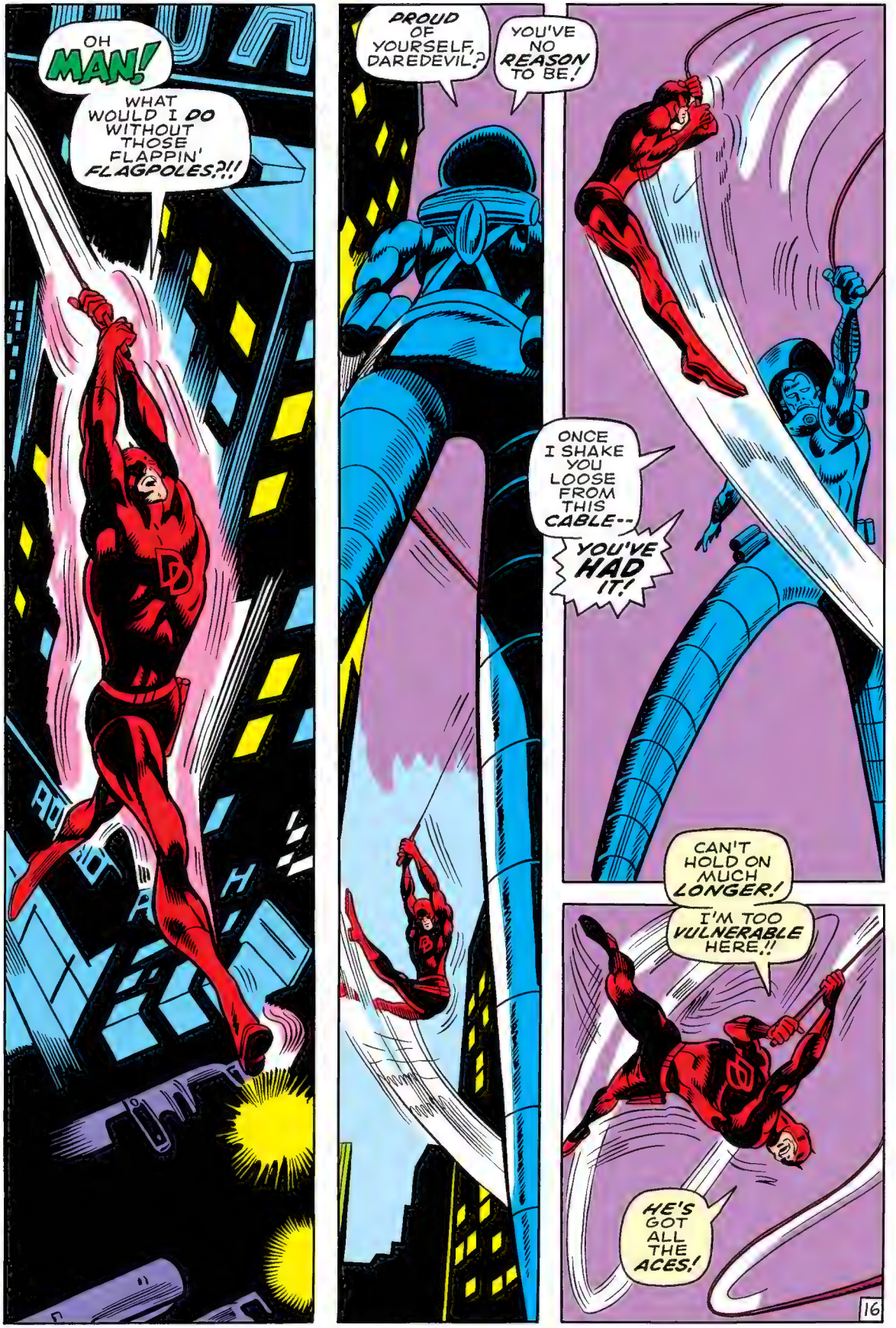
OH MAN!
WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT THOSE FLAPPIN' FLAGPOLES?!!
PROUD OF YOURSELF, DAREDEVIL?
YOU'VE NO REASON TO BE!
ONCE I SHAKE YOU LOOSE FROM THIS CABLE--
YOU'VE HAD IT!
CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER!
I'M TOO VULNERABLE HERE!!
HE'S GOT ALL THE ACES!
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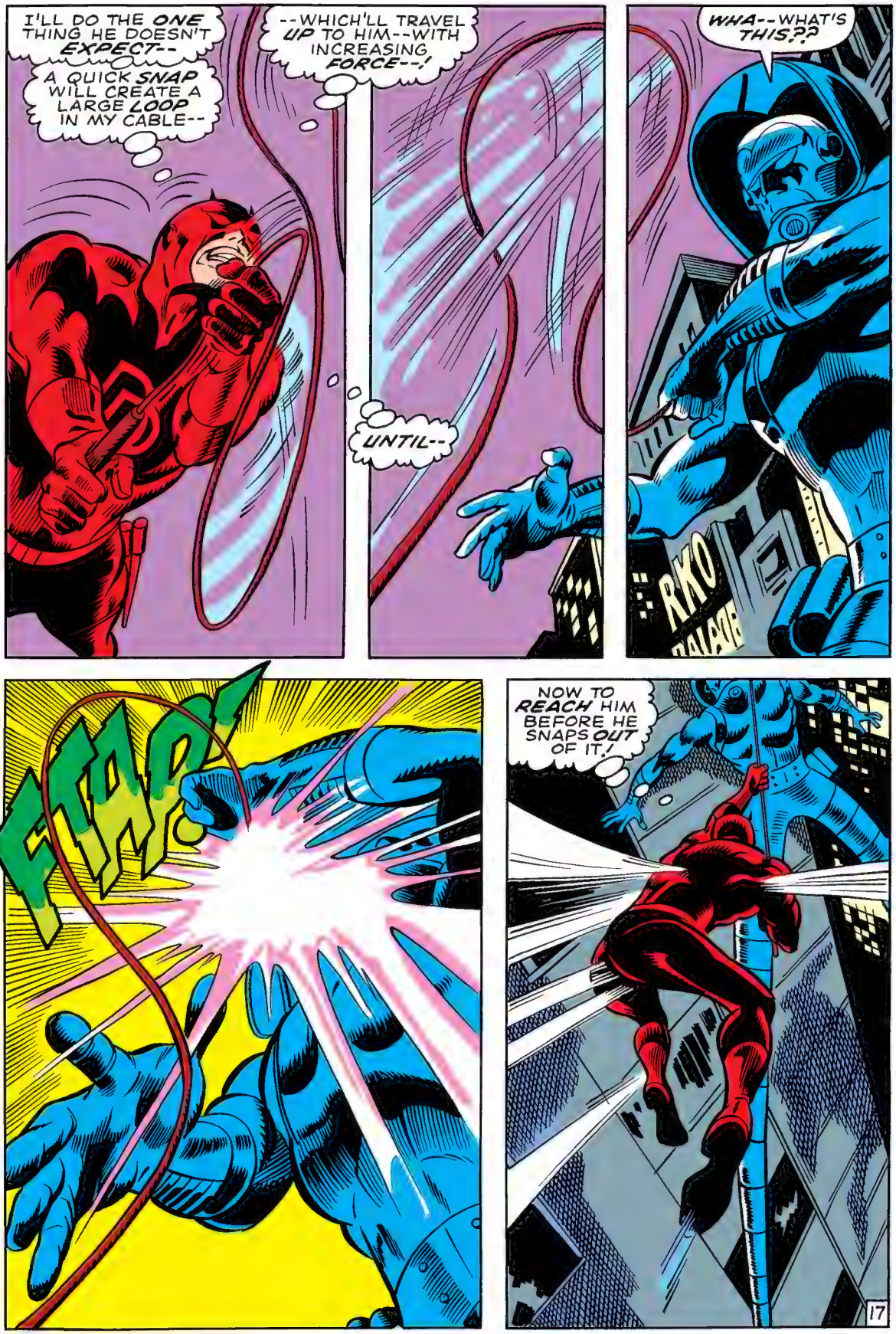
I'LL DO THE ONE THING HE DOESN'T EXPECT--
A QUICK SNAP WILL CREATE A LARGE LOOP IN MY CABLE--
--WHICH'LL TRAVEL UP TO HIM--WITH INCREASING FORCE--!
UNTIL--
WHA--WHAT'S THIS?!
RKO
FTAP!
NOW TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE SNAPS OUT OF IT!
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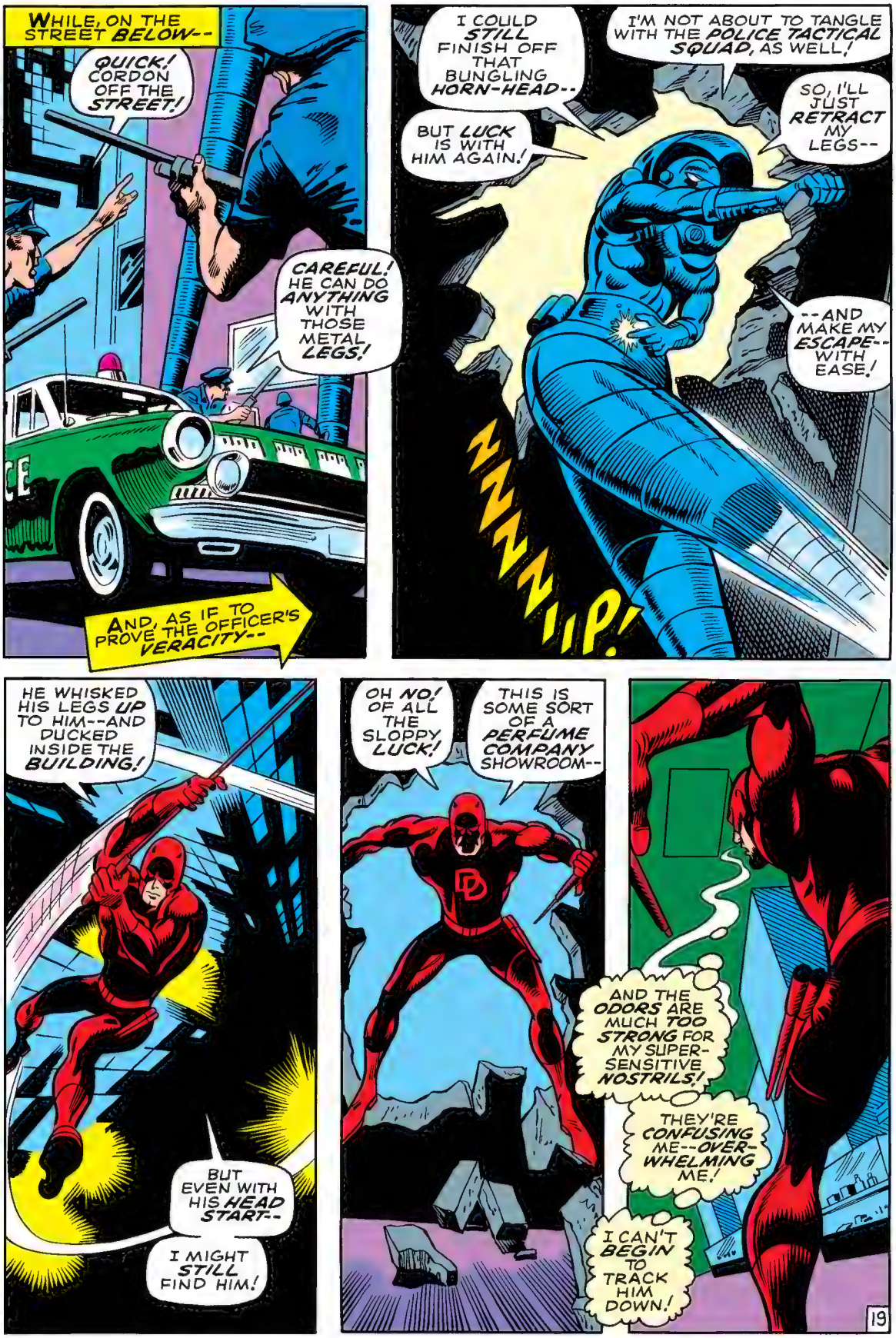
REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID I HAD IT, STILTY?
WELL, TO SHOW YOU WHAT A SPORT I AM--
I'M GIVING IT RIGHT BACK!
SPOK!


WHILE, ON THE STREET BELOW--
QUICK! CORDON OFF THE STREET!
CAREFUL! HE CAN DO ANYTHING WITH THOSE METAL LEGS!
AND, AS IF TO PROVE THE OFFICER'S VERACITY--
I COULD STILL FINISH OFF THAT BUNGLING HORN-HEAD--
BUT LUCK IS WITH HIM AGAIN!
I'M NOT ABOUT TO TANGLE WITH THE POLICE TACTICAL SQUAD, AS WELL!
SO, I'LL JUST RETRACT MY LEGS--
--AND MAKE MY ESCAPE--WITH EASE!
NNNNIP!
HE WHISKED HIS LEGS UP TO HIM--AND DUCKED INSIDE THE BUILDING!
BUT EVEN WITH HIS HEAD START--
I MIGHT STILL FIND HIM!
OH NO! OF ALL THE SLOPPY LUCK!
THIS IS SOME SORT OF A PERFUME COMPANY SHOWROOM--
AND THE ODORS ARE MUCH TOO STRONG FOR MY SUPER-SENSITIVE NOSTRILS!
THEY'RE CONFUSING ME--OVER-WHELMING ME!
I CAN'T BEGIN TO TRACK HIM DOWN!

CAN'T TELL WHERE HE WENT!
THE PERFUME SCENT IS TOO HEAVY-- MAKING ME ILL! I HAVE TO GET OUT!
BUT, AT LEAST-- FOGGY WILL BE SAFE--TILL AFTER THE ELECTION!
DAREDEVIL WILL MAKE SURE OF THAT!
AND THEN-- AT LAST--
CONGRATULATIONS-- MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY!
YOU WON IN A LANDSLIDE!
HE HASN'T EVEN SPOKEN TO ME-- FOR DAYS!
AND NOW-- MY JOB REALLY BEGINS!
I'M GOING TO RID THIS TOWN OF CRIME-- JUST AS I PROMISED!
WHAT OF YOUR LAW PRACTICE?
WILL MATT MURDOCK RUN YOUR OFFICE TILL YOU RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE?
MURDOCK CAN DO WHATEVER HE PLEASES!
NEXT QUESTION!
I NEVER THOUGHT-- IT WOULD END--LIKE THIS!
MR. MURDOCK IS IT TRUE THAT YOU AND THE NEW D.A. ARE PFFFTT!
WAIT! THE PUBLIC DESERVES AN EXPLANATION!
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND NELSON?
NO COMMENT!
NELSON FOR D.A
NEXT:
D.D. DROPS OUT!

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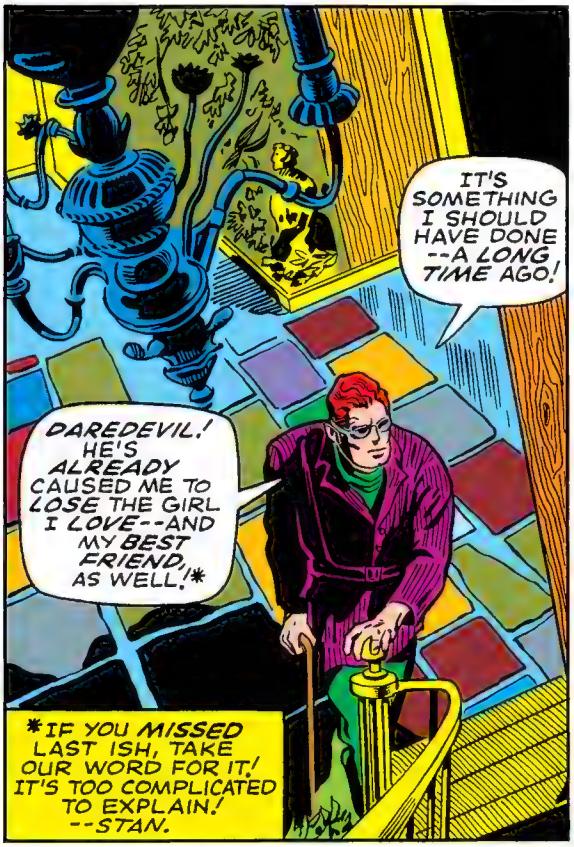
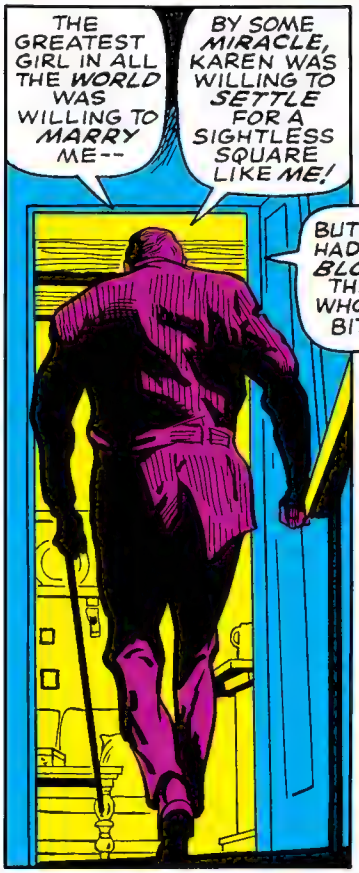

IT'S SOMETHING I SHOULD HAVE DONE --A LONG TIME AGO!
DAREDEVIL! HE'S ALREADY CAUSED ME TO LOSE THE GIRL I LOVE--AND MY BEST FRIEND, AS WELL!*
*IF YOU MISSED LAST ISH, TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT! IT'S TOO COMPLICATED TO EXPLAIN! --STAN.

I'M NO LONGER A KID--
THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER WAY --FOR ME TO GET MY KICKS!
DO-GOODERS ARE A GLUT ON THE MARKET THESE DAYS!


THE GREATEST GIRL IN ALL THE WORLD WAS WILLING TO MARRY ME--
BY SOME MIRACLE, KAREN WAS WILLING TO SETTLE FOR A SIGHTLESS SQUARE LIKE ME!
BUT I HADDA BLOW THE WHOLE BIT!

I WASN'T SATISFIED TO LIVE OUT MY LIFE AS MATT MURDOCK, COUNSELOR AT LAW!
--WITH KAREN, ALWAYS AT MY SIDE!
NO! I WANTED THE EXCITEMENT --THE GLAMOR-- THE ADVENTURE OF A SUPERHERO'S LIFE!
WELL, HERE'S ONE SUPERHERO WHO SHOULD'A HAD HIS HEAD EXAMINED!

SURE, NOTHING CAN EQUAL THE THRILL OF GOING INTO ACTION AS DAREDEVIL--
OR OF WEARING A COSTUME THAT MAKES YOU AS FAMOUS AS TINY TIM!
FAME!! --WHAT A LAUGH!
I SPENT YEARS MAKING A LEGEND OUT OF DARE-DEVIL--
--MAKING MY COSTUME A SYMBOL OF COURAGE AND SKILL!
MY COSTUME! BIG DEAL!
IT CAN'T PUT ITS ARMS AROUND ME--
OR KISS ME GOOD-NIGHT!
--OR SET ME ON FIRE, LIKE THE SOUND OF KAREN'S VOICE--
OR THE TOUCH OF HER LIPS!
ALL IT CAN DO--ALL IT'S EVER DONE--
IS KEEP ME FROM HER!
BUT NOT ANY LONGER!
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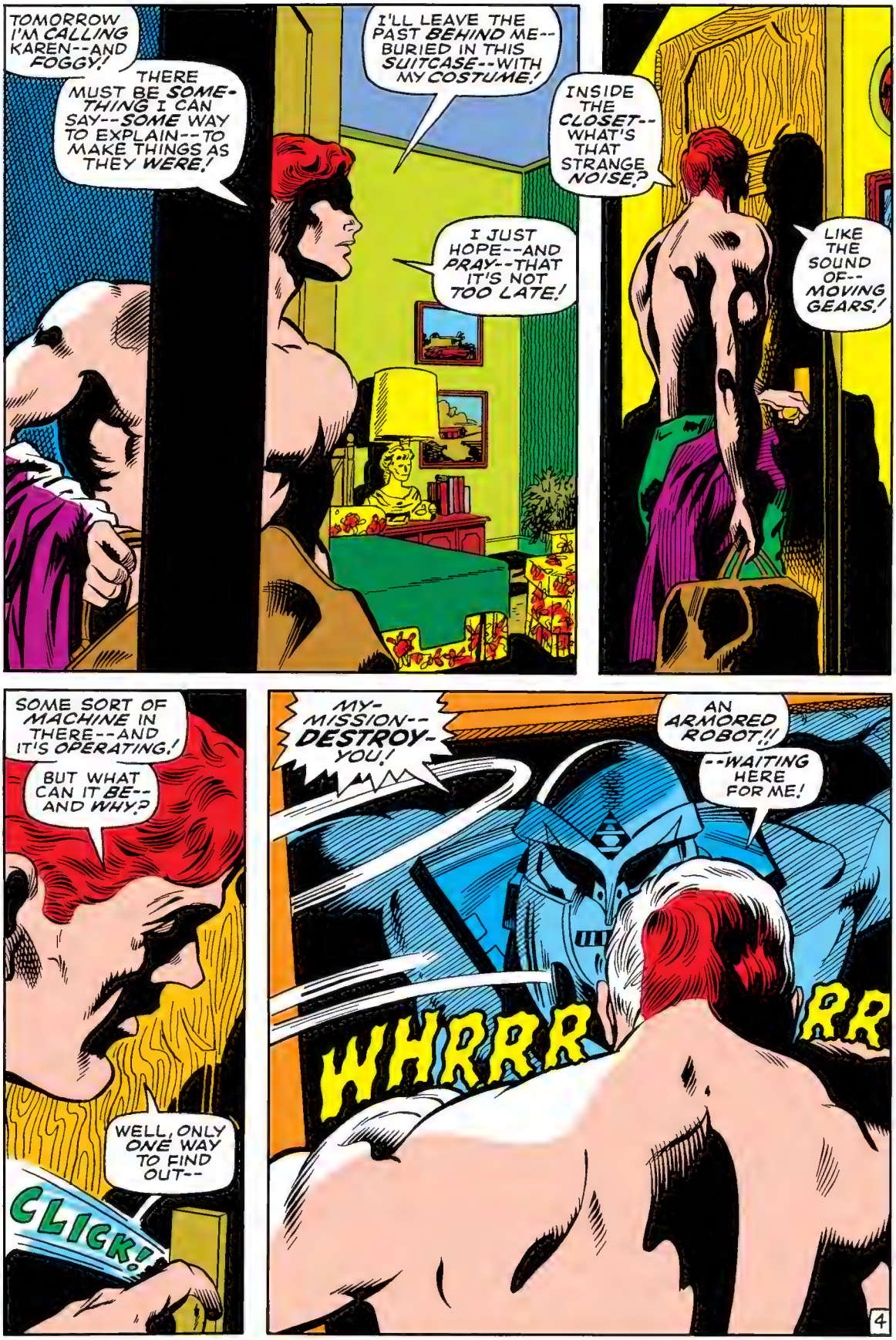
TOMORROW I'M CALLING KAREN--AND FOGGY!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN SAY--SOME WAY TO EXPLAIN--TO MAKE THINGS AS THEY WERE!
I'LL LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND ME--BURIED IN THIS SUITCASE--WITH MY COSTUME!
I JUST HOPE--AND PRAY--THAT IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
INSIDE THE CLOSET--WHAT'S THAT STRANGE NOISE?
LIKE THE SOUND OF--MOVING GEARS!
SOME SORT OF MACHINE IN THERE--AND IT'S OPERATING!
BUT WHAT CAN IT BE--AND WHY?
WELL, ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT--
CLICK!
MY-MISSION--DESTROY-YOU!
AN ARMORED ROBOT!!
--WAITING HERE FOR ME!
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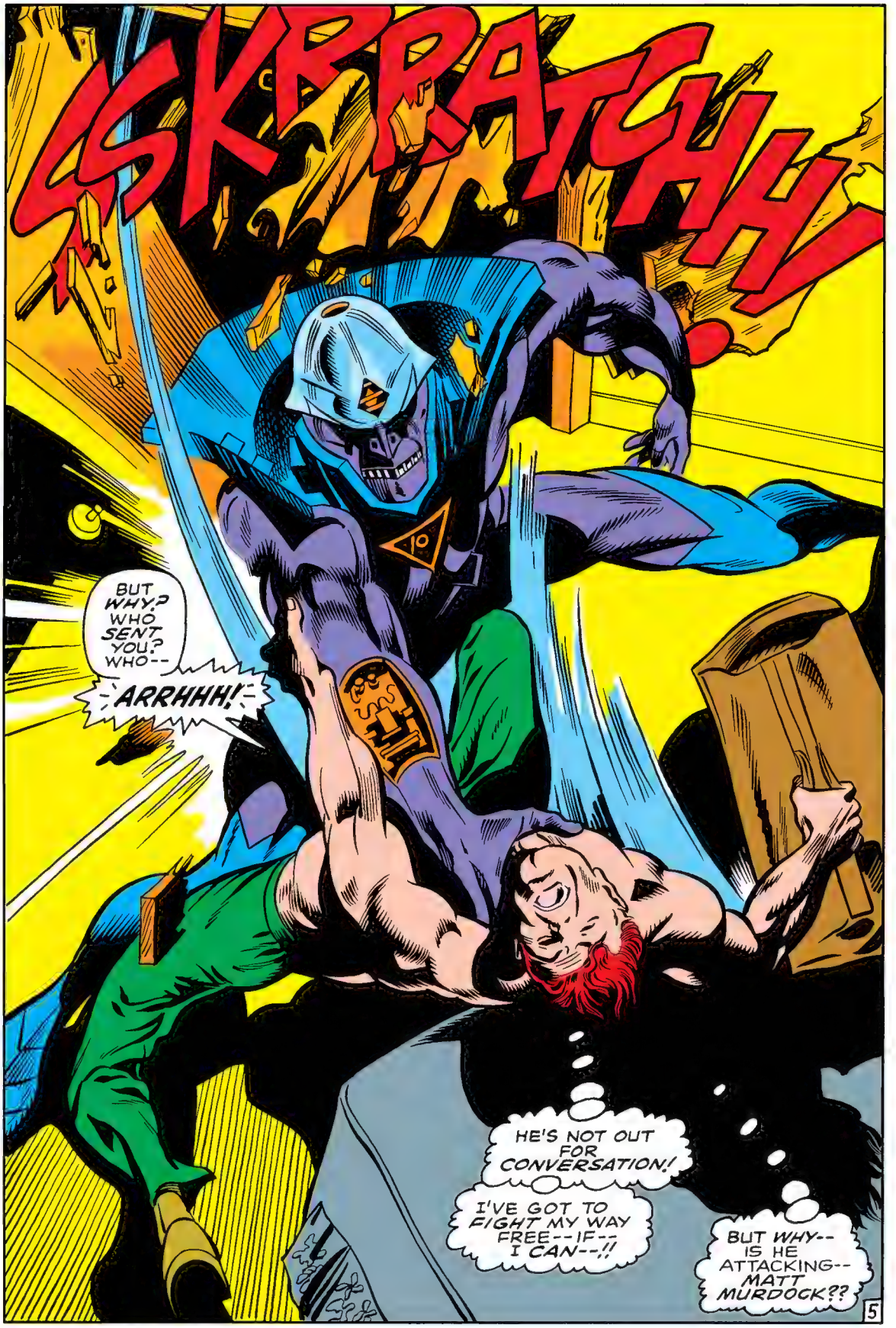
SKRRATCHH!
BUT WHY? WHO SENT YOU? WHO--
-ARRHHH!-
HE'S NOT OUT FOR CONVERSATION!
I'VE GOT TO FIGHT MY WAY FREE--IF-- I CAN--!!
BUT WHY-- IS HE ATTACKING-- MATT MURDOCK??
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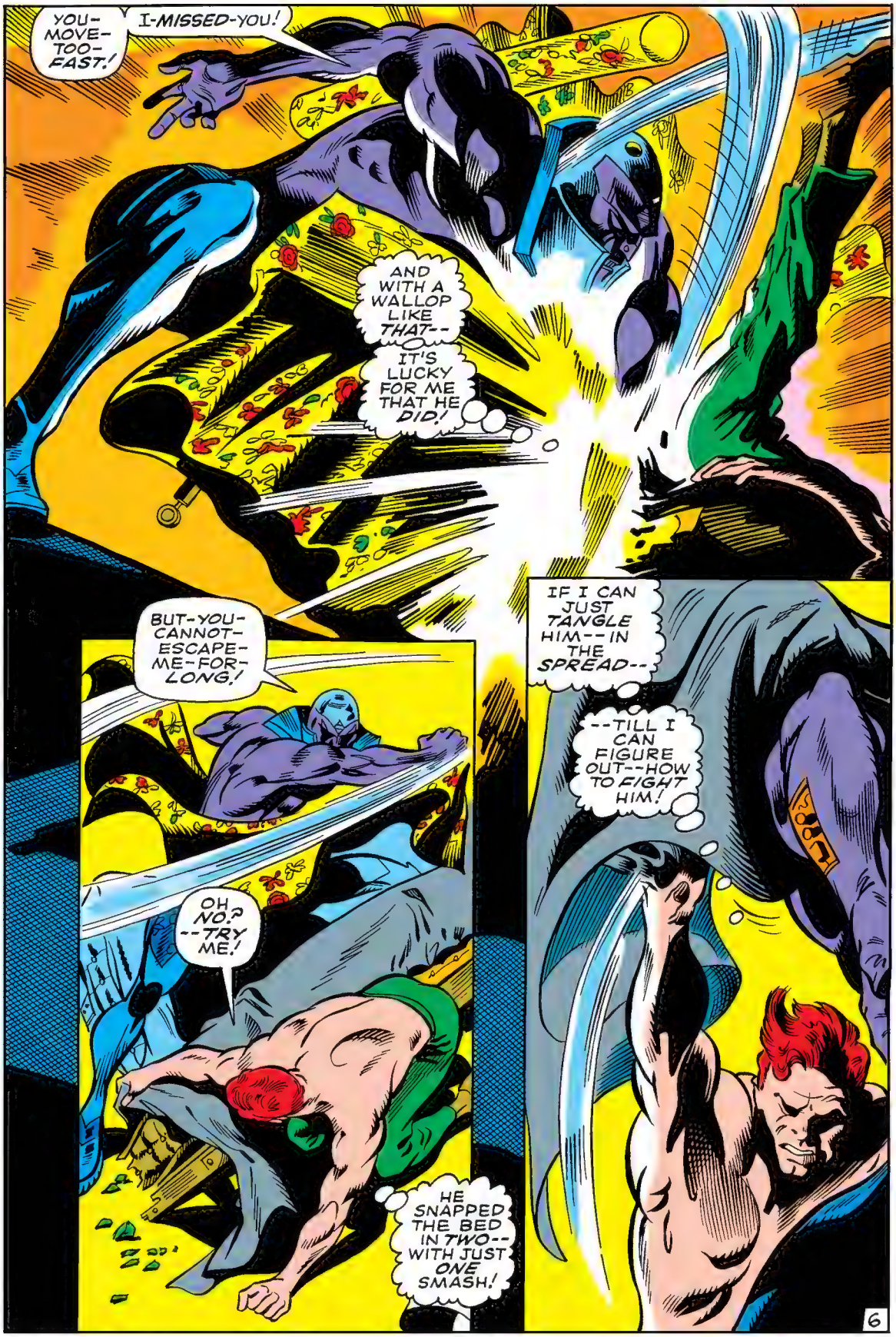
YOU-MOVE-TOO-FAST!
I-MISSED-YOU!
AND WITH A WALLOP LIKE THAT--
IT'S LUCKY FOR ME THAT HE DID!
IF I CAN JUST TANGLE HIM--IN THE SPREAD--
--TILL I CAN FIGURE OUT--HOW TO FIGHT HIM!
BUT-YOU-CANNOT-ESCAPE-ME-FOR-LONG!
OH NO? --TRY ME!
HE SNAPPED THE BED IN TWO--WITH JUST ONE SMASH!

NOW'S MY CHANCE--!
GOT 'IM!!
BTHA!
FOR THE LUVVA MIKE-- HE'S GOT A PLASTIC BODY!
WHATEVER HE'S MADE OF--IT GIVES WITH EVERY BLOW!
HE ABSORBS EACH PUNCH-- AND SNAPS RIGHT BACK AGAIN!
I-AM-SLIGHTLY-OUT-OF-SYNC!
--WHICH IS A LOT MORE THAN I CAN DO!
MUST-ADJUST-MY-SPEED-CIRCUITS!
CORRECTING
BRRR CLICK CLICK
ADJUSTMENT-COMPLETED!
ALL-SPEED-CIRCUITS-OPERATIONAL!
UHHH!
7

HE'S LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING NOW!
FAST AS I AM, IT'S LIKE FIGHTING A TWO-LEGGED WHIRLWIND!
IF I CAN JUST HOLD HIM OFF--TILL HIS BATTERIES RUN DOWN, OR--
UNHHH!
NOT A CHANCE! HE'S TOO FAST--TOO STRONG--TOO--
ARGHHH!!
HE-IS-NO-LONGER-CONSCIOUS!
NOW-FOR-THE-SECOND-PHASE-OF-MY-INSTRUCTIONS--!
HE-MUST-BE-TAKEN-TO-THE-MASTER!
8

A-STRANGE-SOUND!
NOT-COVERED-IN-MY-INSTRUCTIONS!
TAP
TAP
I-SENSE-UNEXPECTED-DANGER!
I-MUST-LEAVE-MY-VICTIM-AND-FLEE!
MY-FIRST-FUNCTION-IS-TO-PROTECT-MYSELF!
TAKE
COVI
WHAT IS IT, BOY? WHAT DO YOU SEE?
GRRR
TAP
TAP
SOMETHING LYING ON THE GROUND--
IT FEELS LIKE--A BODY!
EASY, BOY! HE MAY NEED HELP!
FTHAK!
GRRRRR
THE SOUND OF SOMEONE RUNNING AWAY!
BUT, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!
I THINK HE'S OKAY! HE WAS JUST STUNNED!
LET ME HELP YOU UP, FELLA!
THAT VOICE!! IT CAN--ONLY BE--WILLIE LINCOLN!
YOU--KNOW ME? HOW?!!
I'M--MURDOCK, WILLIE! MATT MURDOCK!
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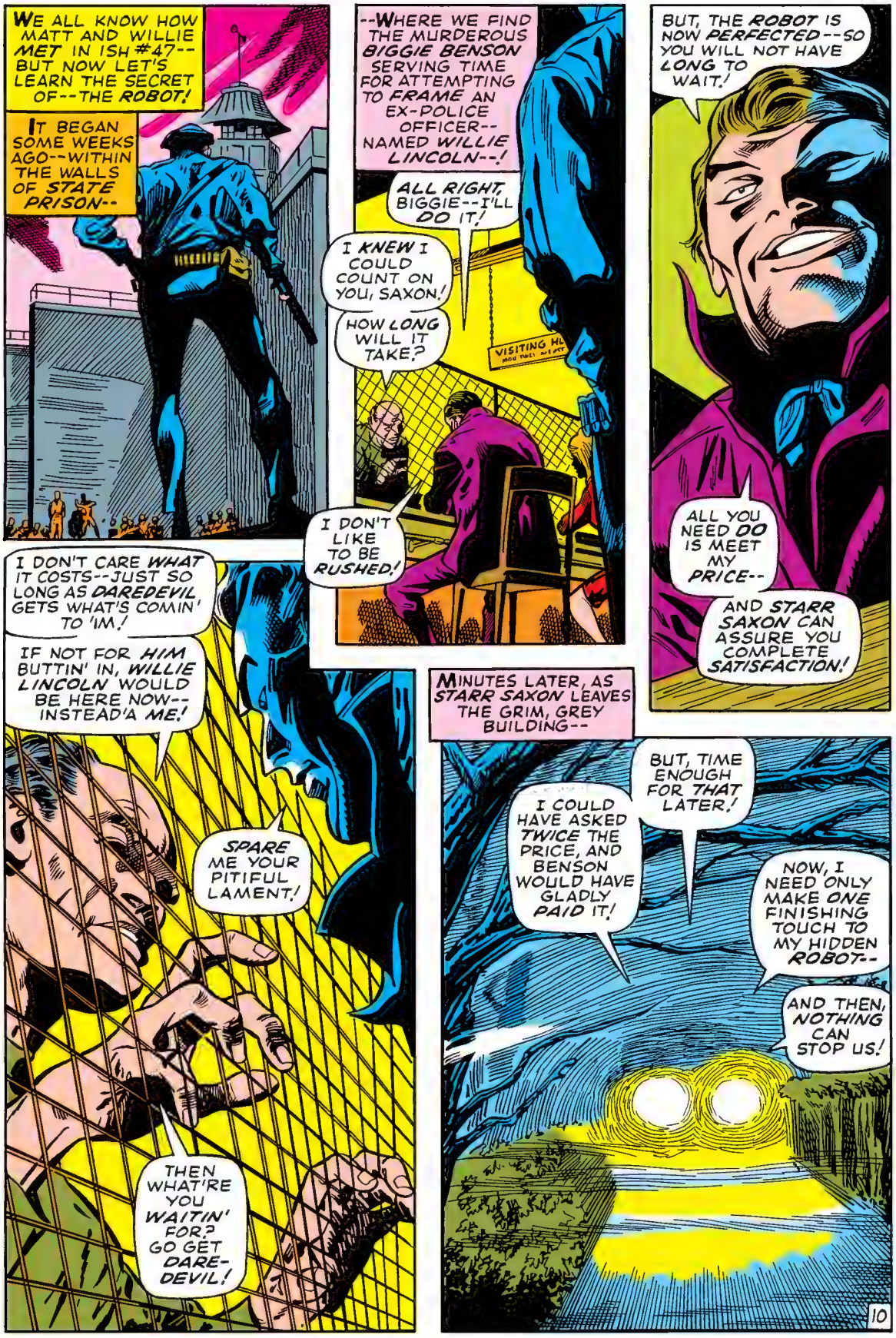
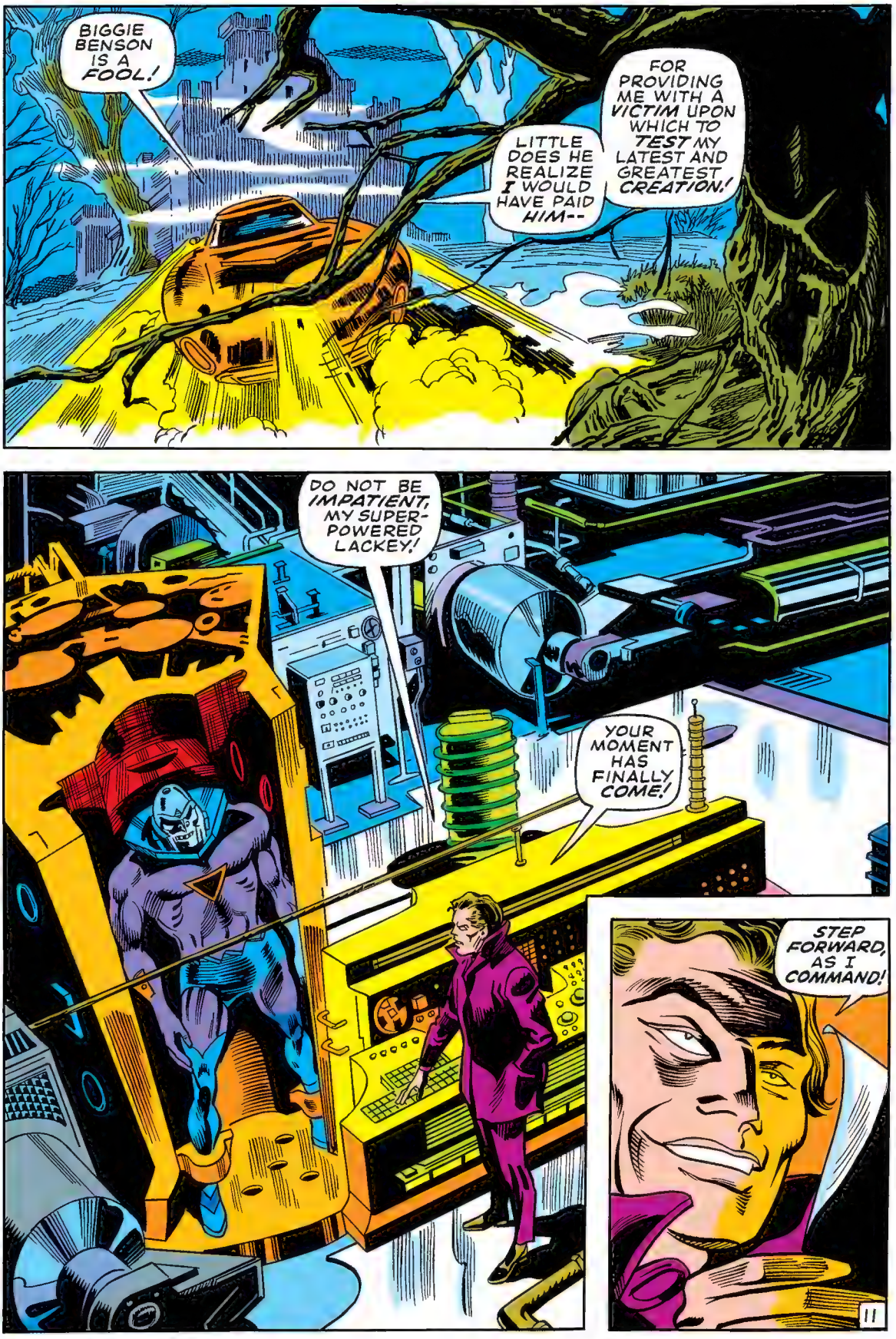

WE ALL KNOW HOW MATT AND WILLIE MET IN ISH #47--BUT NOW LET'S LEARN THE SECRET OF--THE ROBOT!
IT BEGAN SOME WEEKS AGO--WITHIN THE WALLS OF STATE PRISON--
--WHERE WE FIND THE MURDEROUS BIGGIE BENSON SERVING TIME FOR ATTEMPTING TO FRAME AN EX-POLICE OFFICER--NAMED WILLIE LINCOLN--!
ALL RIGHT, BIGGIE--I'LL DO IT!
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, SAXON!
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?
I DON'T LIKE TO BE RUSHED!
BUT, THE ROBOT IS NOW PERFECTED--SO YOU WILL NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT!
ALL YOU NEED DO IS MEET MY PRICE--
AND STARR SAXON CAN ASSURE YOU COMPLETE SATISFACTION!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT COSTS--JUST SO LONG AS DAREDEVIL GETS WHAT'S COMIN' TO 'IM!
IF NOT FOR HIM BUTTIN' IN, WILLIE LINCOLN WOULD BE HERE NOW--INSTEAD'A ME!
SPARE ME YOUR PITIFUL LAMENT!
THEN WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR? GO GET DARE-DEVIL!
MINUTES LATER, AS STARR SAXON LEAVES THE GRIM, GREY BUILDING--
BUT, TIME ENOUGH FOR THAT LATER!
I COULD HAVE ASKED TWICE THE PRICE, AND BENSON WOULD HAVE GLADLY PAID IT!
NOW, I NEED ONLY MAKE ONE FINISHING TOUCH TO MY HIDDEN ROBOT--
AND THEN, NOTHING CAN STOP US!


BIGGIE BENSON IS A FOOL!
LITTLE DOES HE REALIZE I WOULD HAVE PAID HIM--
FOR PROVIDING ME WITH A VICTIM UPON WHICH TO TEST MY LATEST AND GREATEST CREATION!
DO NOT BE IMPATIENT, MY SUPER-POWERED LACKEY!
YOUR MOMENT HAS FINALLY COME!
STEP FORWARD, AS I COMMAND!
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NOW, STAND MOTIONLESS AS I ATTACH THE SCENTOLATOR TO YOUR COMPATIBLE CIRCUITS!
FOR THIS IS THE MOST CRUCIAL PART OF ALL!
NOW, I NEED ONLY INSERT YOUR VICTIM-TO-BE'S SPECIALLY-TREATED PHOTOGRAPH INTO THE BUILT-IN AROMASCOPE--!
WHICH, WHEN ADDED TO YOUR INFALLIBLE MEMORY BANK--
CLICK!
THOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE AN ORDINARY PHOTO, THE CHEMICALLY-TREATED PAPER ALSO CONTAINS CERTAIN ODORIFEROUS ELEMENTS--
--WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO FIND AND RECOGNIZE DAREDEVIL--
NO MATTER WHERE HE HIDES--NO MATTER HOW HE IS DISGUISED!
SKRAK!
OFF
12

THE FLICKERING NUMBERS WHICH APPEAR IN YOUR TRIANGULAR CHEST PLATE WILL INDICATE THE DEGREE OF YOUR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY!
SCALED FROM ONE TO TEN, THE HIGHER THE NUMBER, THE GREATER YOUR POWER!
AND ANY READING BELOW FIVE WILL INDICATE THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ADJUSTMENT!
BY WHY DO I EXPLAIN ALL THIS TO YOU?
YOUR MEMORY CIRCUITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAREFULLY PROGRAMMED!
--JUST AS YOUR BUILT-IN SENSORS HAVE BEEN SATURATED WITH DAREDEVIL'S AROMAGRAPH!
AND NOW-- LET THE DEADLY GAME BEGIN--!!
OFF
KAK!
FULLY
ABSORBE

YEP, THAT'S HOW IT STARTED! BUT NOW--
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, MATT?
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT, MR. LINCOLN!
LET'S JUST SAY I RAN INTO A DOOR!
SAY! YOU'VE BECOME REAL HANDY, FRIEND!
YEAH! THANKS TO YOU--AND DAREDEVIL--
I'VE BEEN LEARNING TO FEND FOR MYSELF-- WITHOUT MY EYES!
DID YOU FIND A JOB, WILLIE?
I WORK WITH THE URBAN CORPS NOW-- I'M A LIAISON BETWEEN THE COPS AND THE SOUL BROTHERS!
Y'KNOW, I NEVER REALLY THANKED YOU FOR BEIN' THERE WHEN I NEEDED SOMEONE--!
SKIP IT, SON! JUST LEND ME THIS SHIRT OF YOURS, AND CALL IT EVEN!
IT'S A DEAL, MAN!
LISTEN--IF YOU EVER RUN INTO DAREDEVIL, GIVE 'IM A MESSAGE--
I'VE A HUNCH THAT HE'S THE CAT WHO SOLD THE CORPS ON HIRING ME--!
I DON'T FIGURE TO MEET HIM--IF I CAN HELP IT!
WRITE 'IM A LETTER, WILLIE!
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ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN MAKE IT HOME OKAY? IF NOT--
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT ME, PAL!
I'M TOO DUMB TO GET HURT!
WILLIE'S LIVING PROOF THAT ANY MAN CAN GET BACK ON HIS FEET--
IF HE'S GOT THE GUTS!
WHEN I THINK OF HIM, I FIGURE MAYBE DAREDEVIL'S CAREER WASN'T ALL A WASTE!
IT'S WORTH TAKING A DOZEN PRATFALLS FOR ONE GUY LIKE WILLIE LINCOLN!
BUT NOW, I BETTER START WORRYING ABOUT THE PROBLEM AT HAND!
BARBER
EN 22
THAT ROBOT'S SURE TO COME BACK-- TO FINISH THE JOB--
AND, WHEN HE DOES--
I'D BETTER MEET HIM AS-- DARE-DEVIL!
I'LL WAIT FOR HIM HERE IN THE GYM--WHERE I'VE ROOM TO MANEUVER!
LOOKS LIKE I'M STUCK WITH THIS COSTUME-- LIKE IT OR NOT!
UH OH! I HEAR HIS MUFFLED FOOTSTEPS-- NOW!
WHRRR
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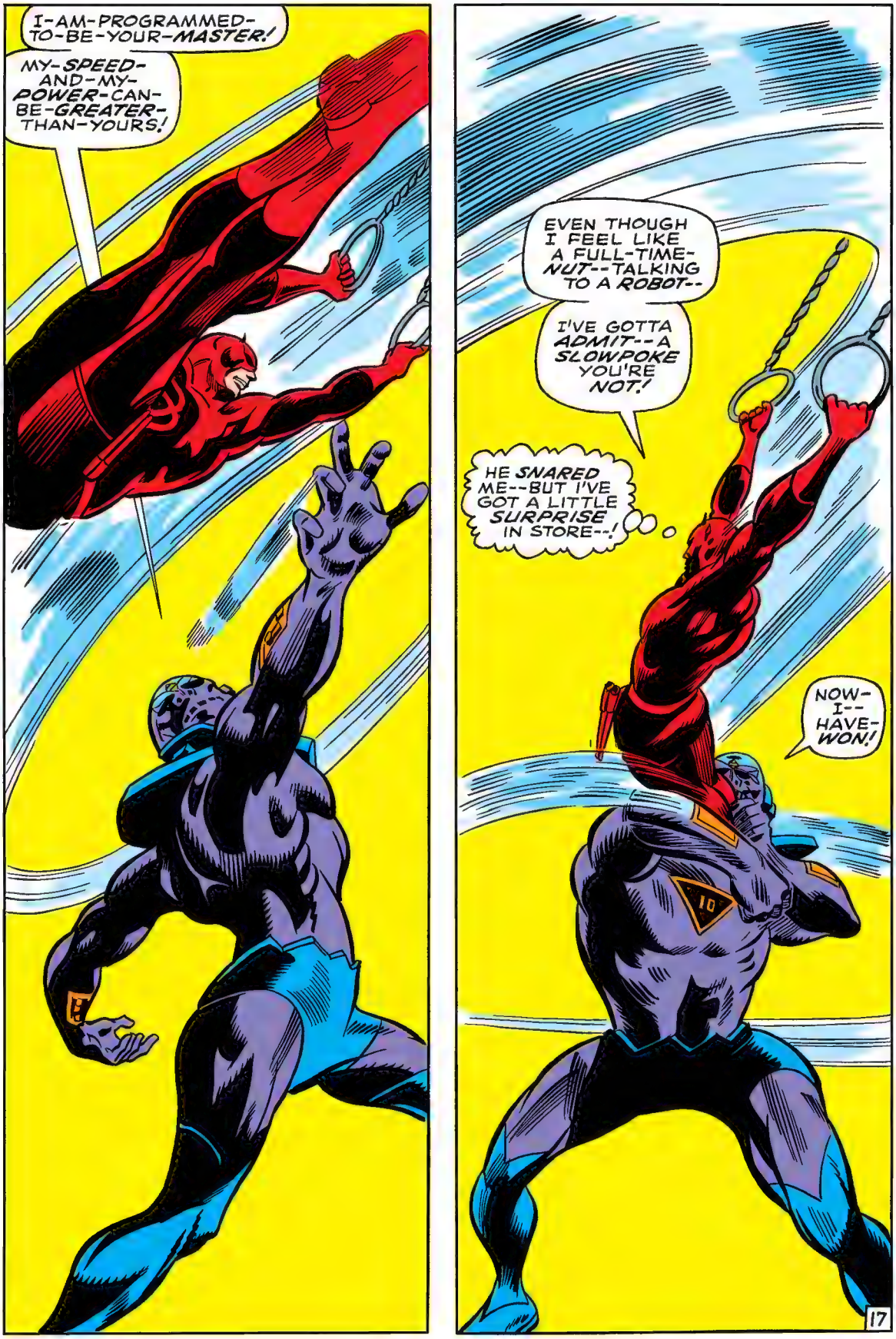
THIS-
TIME-YOU-
WILL-NOT-
ESCAPE-
ME!!


I-AM-PROGRAMMED-TO-BE-YOUR-MASTER!
MY-SPEED-AND-MY-POWER-CAN-BE-GREATER-THAN-YOURS!
EVEN THOUGH I FEEL LIKE A FULL-TIME-NUT--TALKING TO A ROBOT--
I'VE GOTTA ADMIT--A SLOWPOKE YOU'RE NOT!
HE SNARED ME--BUT I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE IN STORE--!
NOW-I--HAVE-WON!
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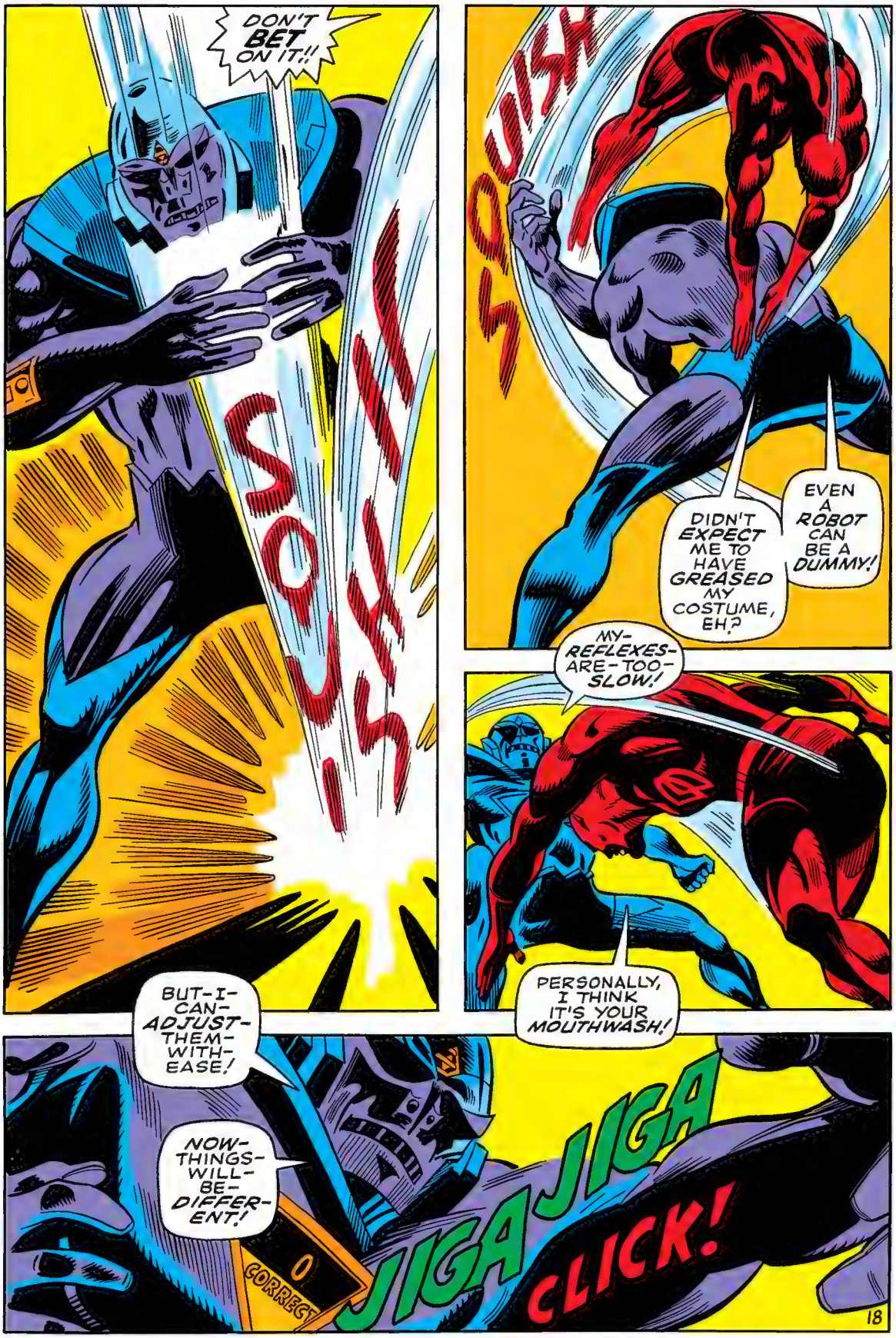
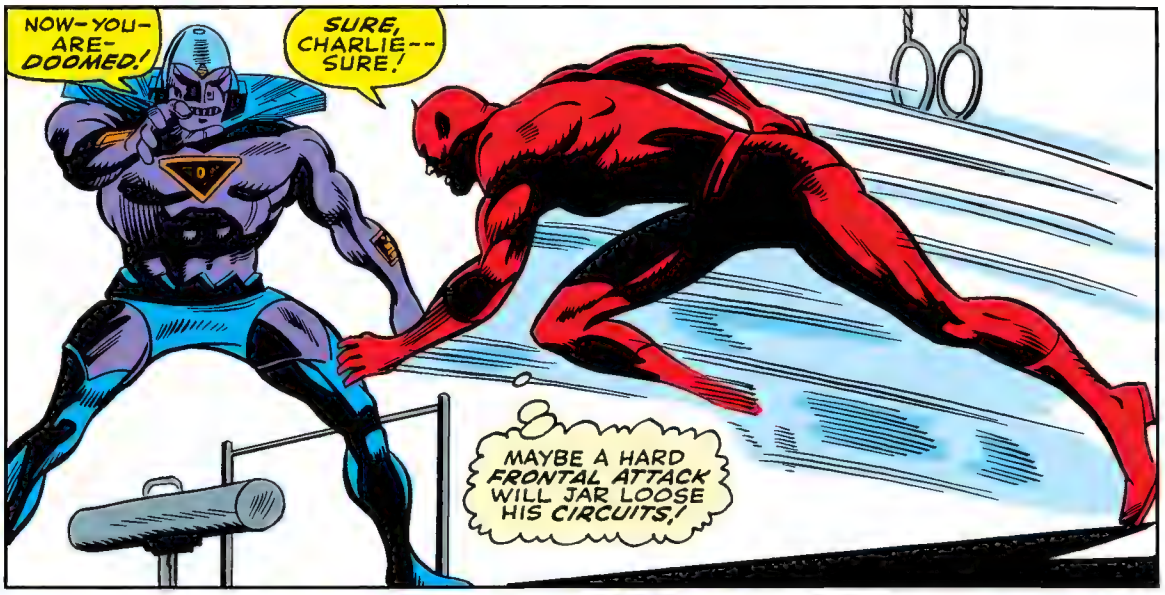
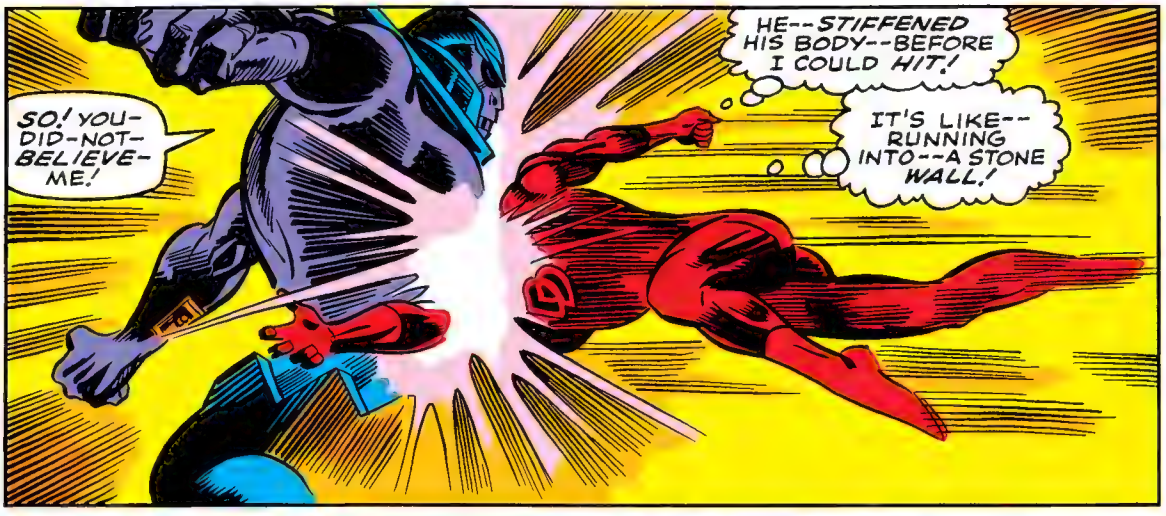
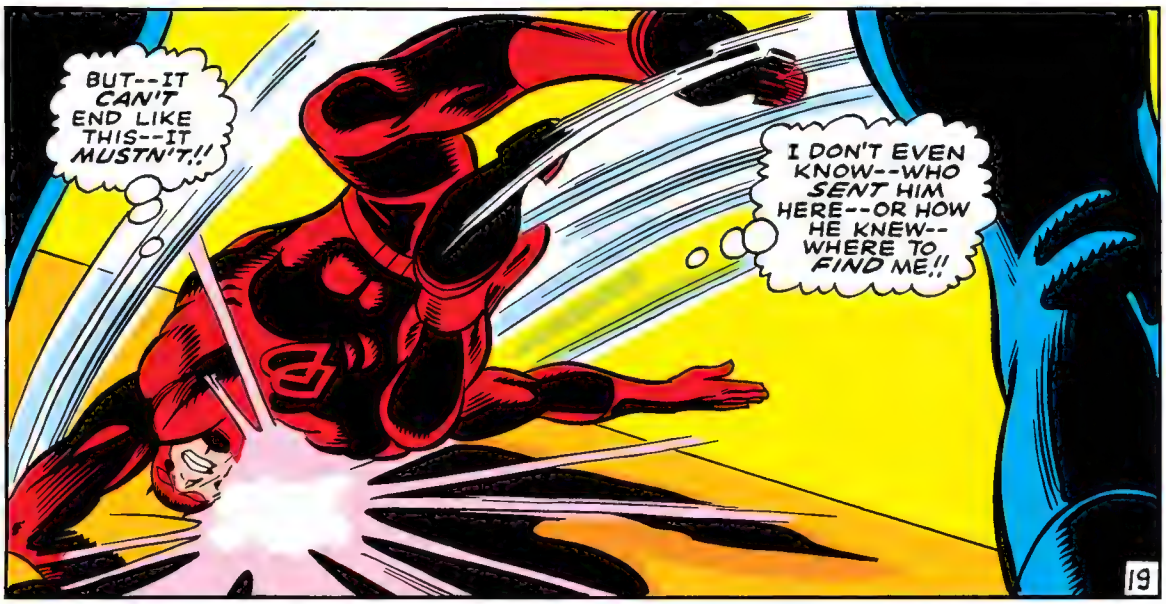

DON'T BET ON IT!!
SOUISH
SQUISH
EVEN A ROBOT CAN BE A DUMMY!
DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO HAVE GREASED MY COSTUME, EH?
MY-REFLEXES-ARE-TOO-SLOW!
PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S YOUR MOUTHWASH!
BUT-I-CAN-ADJUST-THEM-WITH-EASE!
NOW-THINGS-WILL-BE-DIFFER-ENT!
0 CORRECT
JIGA JIGA
CLICK!


NOW-YOU-ARE-DOOMED!
SURE, CHARLIE--SURE!
MAYBE A HARD FRONTAL ATTACK WILL JAR LOOSE HIS CIRCUITS!


SO! YOU-DID-NOT-BELIEVE-ME!
HE--STIFFENED HIS BODY--BEFORE I COULD HIT!
IT'S LIKE--RUNNING INTO--A STONE WALL!


BUT--IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS--IT MUSTN'T!!
I DON'T EVEN KNOW--WHO SENT HIM HERE--OR HOW HE KNEW--WHERE TO FIND ME!!

AND--UNLESS MY HEAD CLEARS-- LIKE FAST--
IT LOOKS LIKE--I'LL NEVER KNOW!
WHAT'S HE DOING-- NOW--??
THE-GREASE-UPON-YOUR-COSTUME-WILL NOT-HELP-YOU-AGAIN!
THE MAT!! HE'S--ABOUT TO USE IT-- TO TRAP ME--!
AND--I'M STILL TOO WEAK--TOO GROGGY-- TO STOP HIM!
AHH!! ALL-I-NEED DO-IS-INCREASE-THE-PRESSURE--
AND-MY-MISSION-WILL-BE-- ACCOMPLISHED!!
DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE!
'NUFF SAID!

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A MYSTERIOUS SCIENTIST NAMED STARR SAXON HAS CREATED AN UNBEATABLE, FIGHTING ROBOT.' GANG-LEADER BIGGIE BENSON, DOING A STRETCH IN JAIL, PAID SAXON TO PROGRAM THE DEADLY ROBOT TO DESTROY DAREDEVIL.!
ATTACKING OUR HERO IN HIS OWN GYM, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE MERCILESS MONSTER IS ABOUT TO SUCCEED--!!
HE ROLLED ME IN THIS GYM MAT AS THOUGH I'M WEIGHTLESS.!
IF HE-- SQUEEZES IT ANY TIGHTER-- IT'LL BE THE END-- OF DAREDEVIL!
AND NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT SWINGIN' SURPRISES STAN AND BARRY MAY HAVE HIDDEN ON THE PULSATIN' PAGES THAT FOLLOW---

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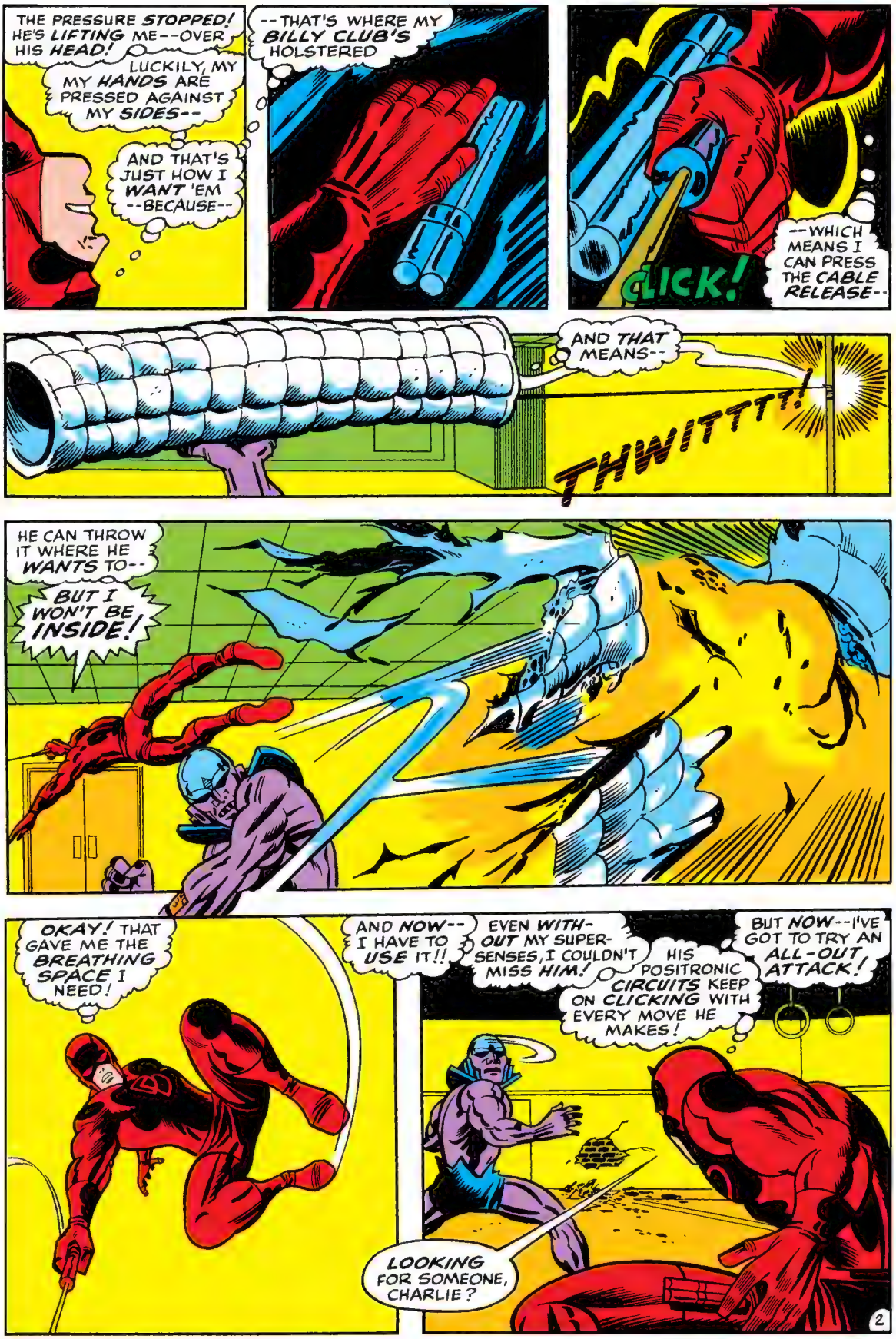
THE PRESSURE STOPPED! HE'S LIFTING ME--OVER HIS HEAD!
LUCKILY, MY MY HANDS ARE PRESSED AGAINST MY SIDES--
AND THAT'S JUST HOW I WANT 'EM --BECAUSE--
--THAT'S WHERE MY BILLY CLUB'S HOLSTERED
CLICK!
--WHICH MEANS I CAN PRESS THE CABLE RELEASE--
AND THAT MEANS--
THWITTTT!
HE CAN THROW IT WHERE HE WANTS TO--
BUT I WON'T BE INSIDE!
OKAY! THAT GAVE ME THE BREATHING SPACE I NEED!
AND NOW-- I HAVE TO USE IT!!
EVEN WITH-OUT MY SUPER-SENSES, I COULDN'T MISS HIM!
HIS POSITRONIC CIRCUITS KEEP ON CLICKING WITH EVERY MOVE HE MAKES!
BUT NOW--I'VE GOT TO TRY AN ALL-OUT ATTACK!
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE, CHARLIE?
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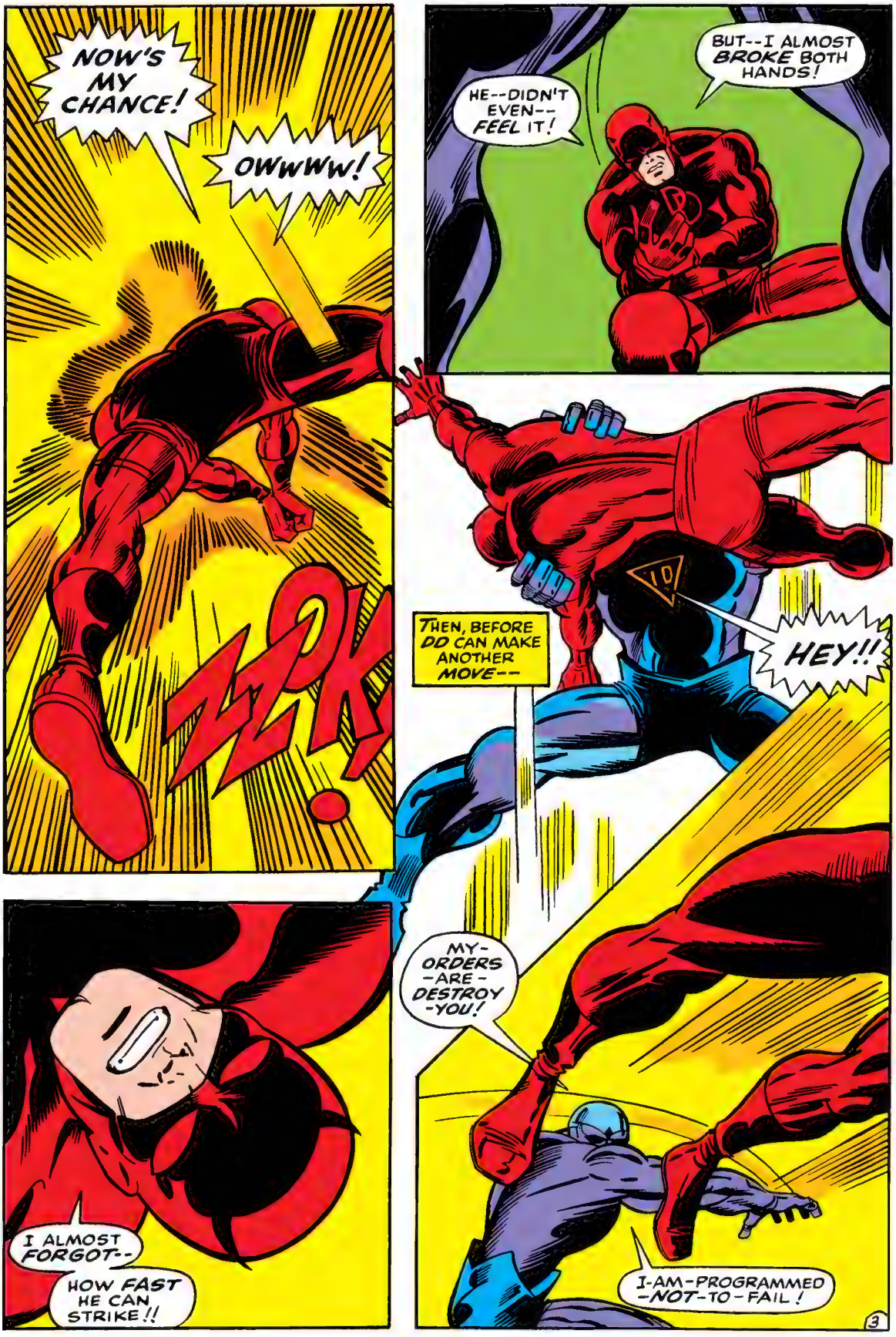
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
OWWWW!
ZZK!!
HE--DIDN'T EVEN-- FEEL IT!
BUT--I ALMOST BROKE BOTH HANDS!
HEY!!
THEN, BEFORE DD CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE--
MY-ORDERS-ARE-DESTROY-YOU!
I-AM-PROGRAMMED-NOT-TO-FAIL!
I ALMOST FORGOT--
HOW FAST HE CAN STRIKE!!
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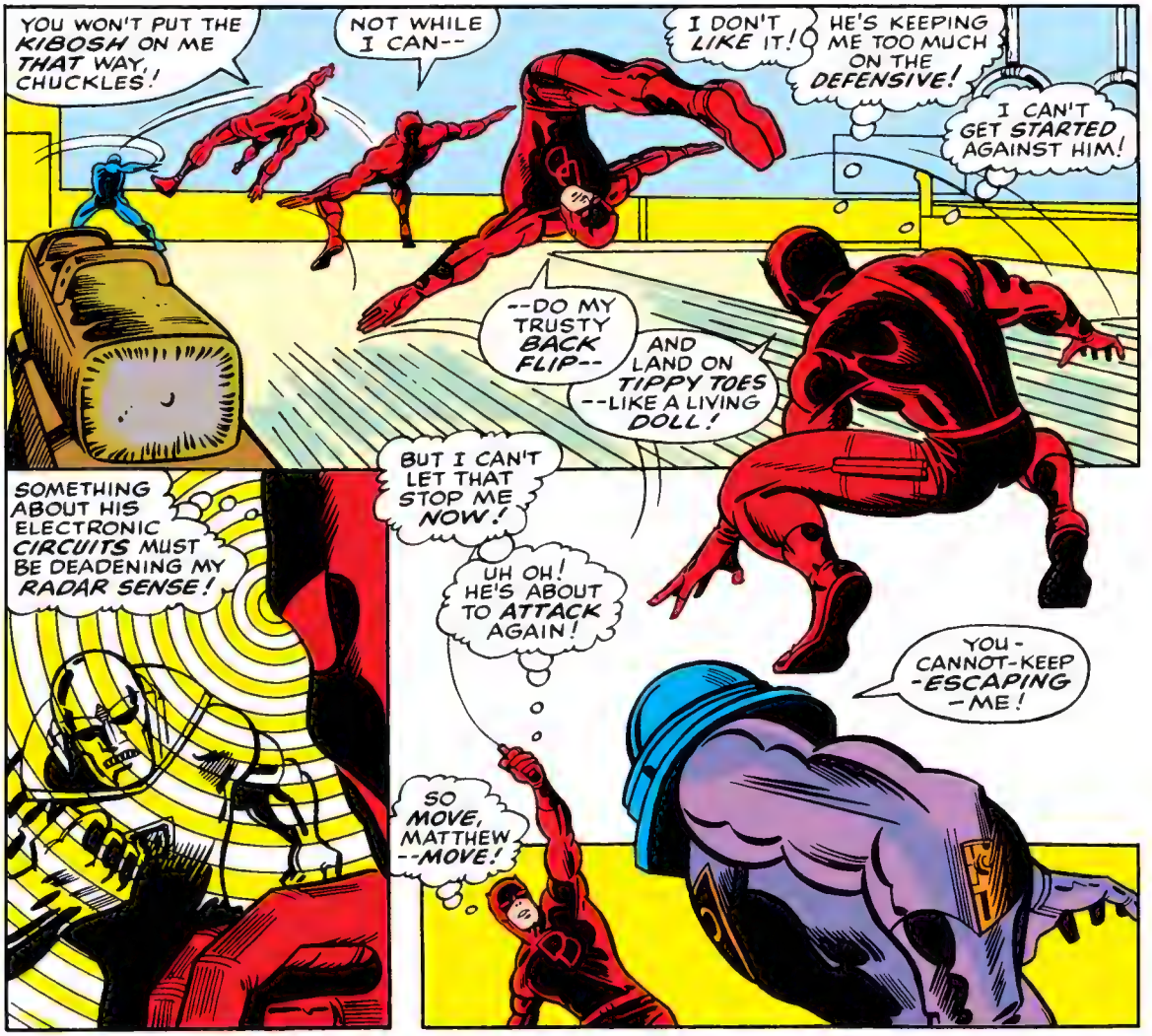
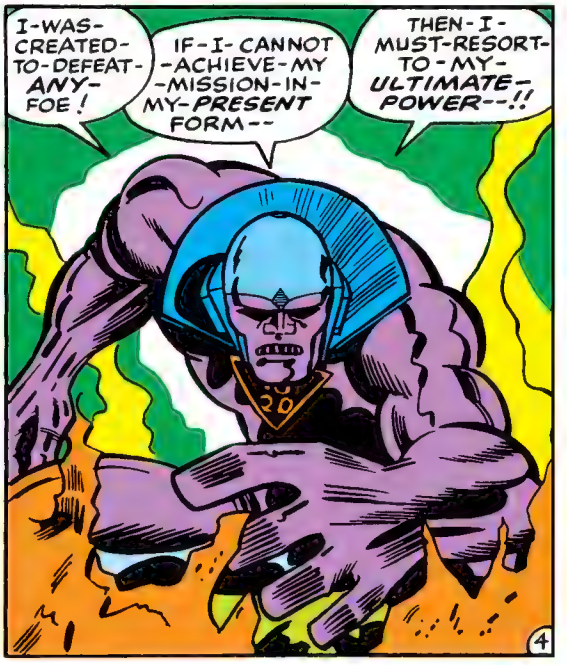
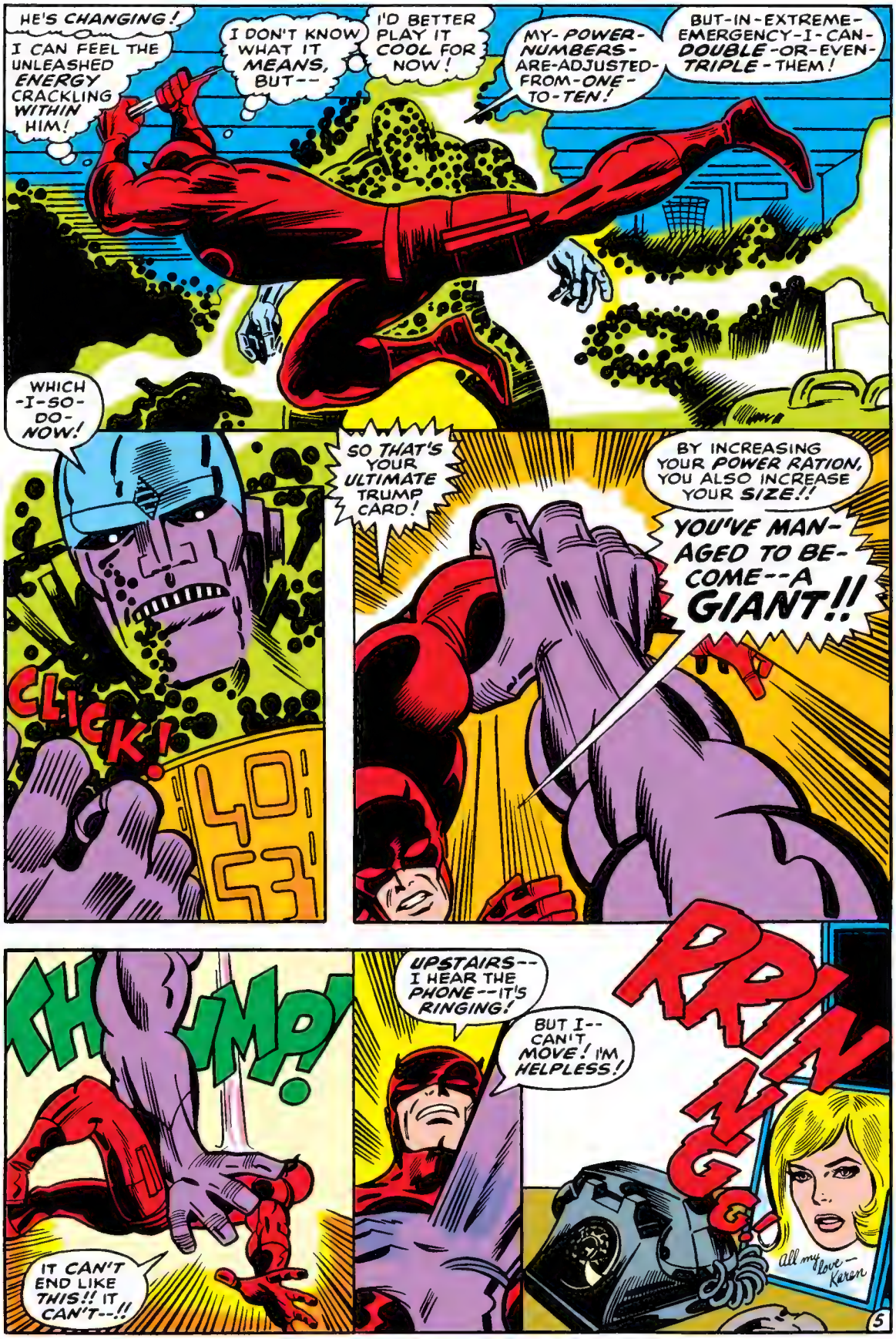

YOU WON'T PUT THE KIBOSH ON ME THAT WAY, CHUCKLES!
NOT WHILE I CAN--
I DON'T LIKE IT!
HE'S KEEPING ME TOO MUCH ON THE DEFENSIVE!
I CAN'T GET STARTED AGAINST HIM!
--DO MY TRUSTY BACK FLIP--
AND LAND ON TIPPY TOES --LIKE A LIVING DOLL!
SOMETHING ABOUT HIS ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS MUST BE DEADENING MY RADAR SENSE!
BUT I CAN'T LET THAT STOP ME NOW!
UH OH! HE'S ABOUT TO ATTACK AGAIN!
YOU-CANNOT-KEEP-ESCAPING-ME!
SO MOVE, MATTHEW --MOVE!

DON'T BET ON IT, BUSTER!


I-WAS-CREATED-TO-DEFEAT-ANY-FOE!
IF-I-CANNOT-ACHIEVE-MY-MISSION-IN-MY-PRESENT FORM--
THEN-I-MUST-RESORT-TO-MY-ULTIMATE-POWER--!!


HE'S CHANGING!
I CAN FEEL THE UNLEASHED ENERGY CRACKLING WITHIN HIM!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS, BUT--
I'D BETTER PLAY IT COOL FOR NOW!
MY-POWER-NUMBERS-ARE-ADJUSTED-FROM-ONE-TO-TEN!
BUT-IN-EXTREME-EMERGENCY-I-CAN-DOUBLE-OR-EVEN-TRIPLE-THEM!
WHICH-I-SO-DO-NOW!
CLICK!
SO THAT'S YOUR ULTIMATE TRUMP CARD!
BY INCREASING YOUR POWER RATION, YOU ALSO INCREASE YOUR SIZE!!
YOU'VE MAN-AGED TO BE-COME--A GIANT!!
KH-MP!
IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS!! IT CAN'T--!!
UPSTAIRS--I HEAR THE PHONE--IT'S RINGING!
BUT I--CAN'T MOVE! I'M HELPLESS!
RRING!
All my love— Karen
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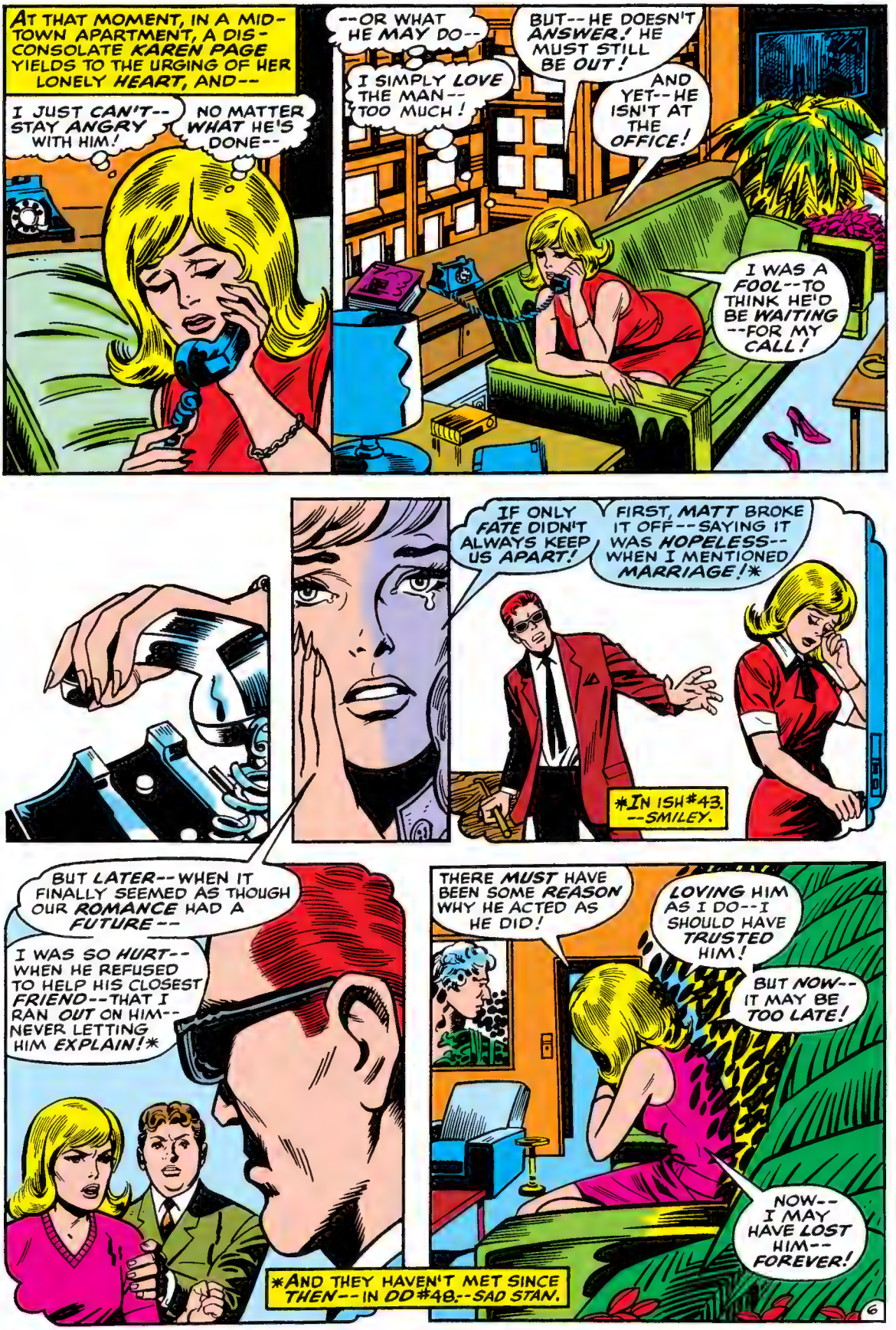
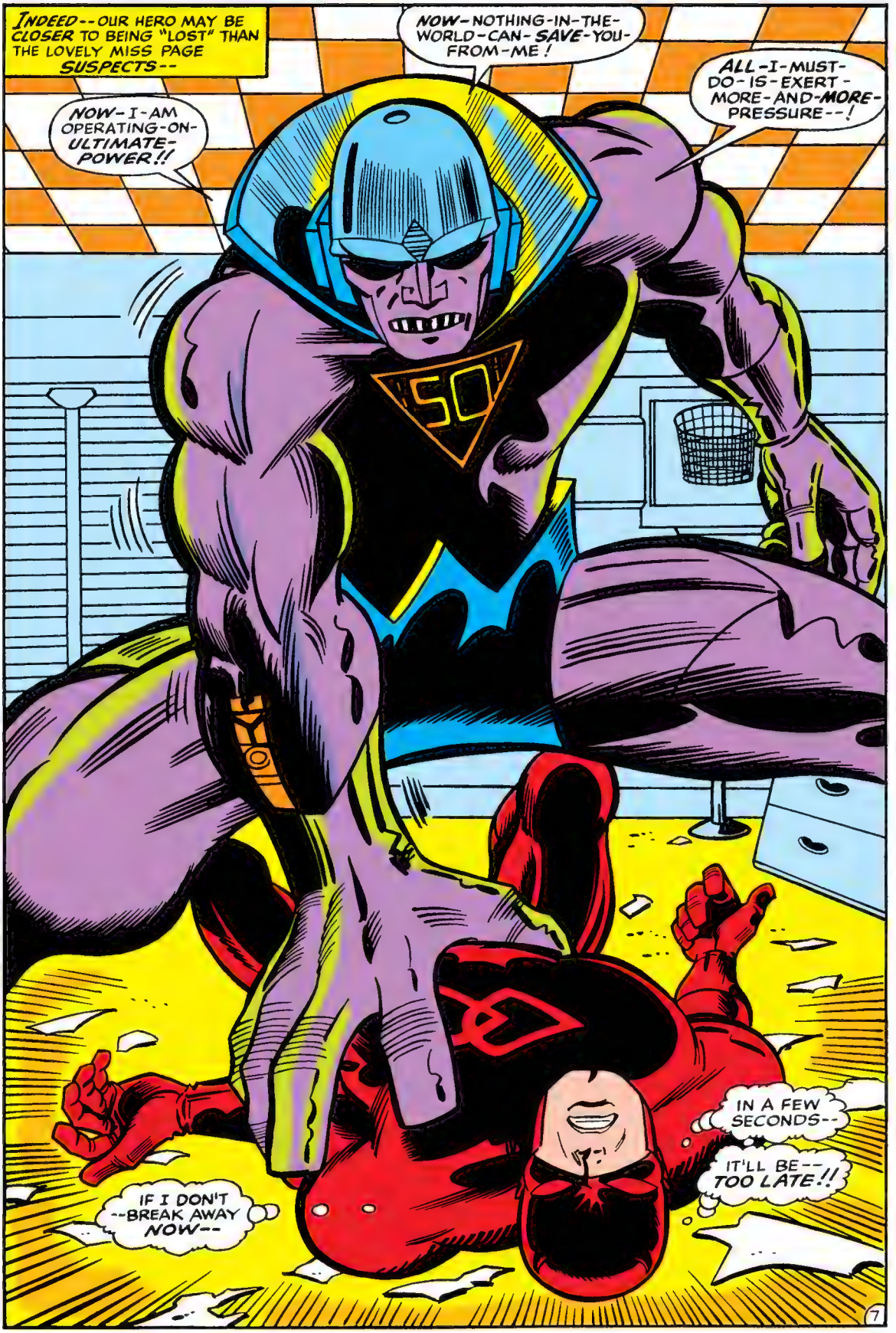

AT THAT MOMENT, IN A MID-TOWN APARTMENT, A DISCONSOLATE KAREN PAGE YIELDS TO THE URGING OF HER LONELY HEART, AND--
I JUST CAN'T--STAY ANGRY WITH HIM!
NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DONE--
--OR WHAT HE MAY DO--
I SIMPLY LOVE THE MAN--TOO MUCH!
BUT--HE DOESN'T ANSWER! HE MUST STILL BE OUT!
AND YET--HE ISN'T AT THE OFFICE!
I WAS A FOOL--TO THINK HE'D BE WAITING --FOR MY CALL!
IF ONLY FATE DIDN'T ALWAYS KEEP US APART!
FIRST, MATT BROKE IT OFF--SAYING IT WAS HOPELESS--WHEN I MENTIONED MARRIAGE!*
*IN ISH #43. --SMILEY.
BUT LATER--WHEN IT FINALLY SEEMED AS THOUGH OUR ROMANCE HAD A FUTURE--
I WAS SO HURT--WHEN HE REFUSED TO HELP HIS CLOSEST FRIEND--THAT I RAN OUT ON HIM--NEVER LETTING HIM EXPLAIN!*
*AND THEY HAVEN'T MET SINCE THEN--IN DD #48.--SAD STAN.
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOME REASON WHY HE ACTED AS HE DID!
LOVING HIM AS I DO--I SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED HIM!
BUT NOW--IT MAY BE TOO LATE!
NOW--I MAY HAVE LOST HIM--FOREVER!


INDEED--OUR HERO MAY BE CLOSER TO BEING "LOST" THAN THE LOVELY MISS PAGE SUSPECTS--
NOW-NOTHING-IN-THE-WORLD-CAN-SAVE-YOU-FROM-ME!
ALL-I-MUST-DO-IS-EXERT-MORE-AND-MORE-PRESSURE--!
NOW-I-AM OPERATING-ON-ULTIMATE-POWER!!
IF I DON'T --BREAK AWAY NOW--
IN A FEW SECONDS--
IT'LL BE-- TOO LATE!!
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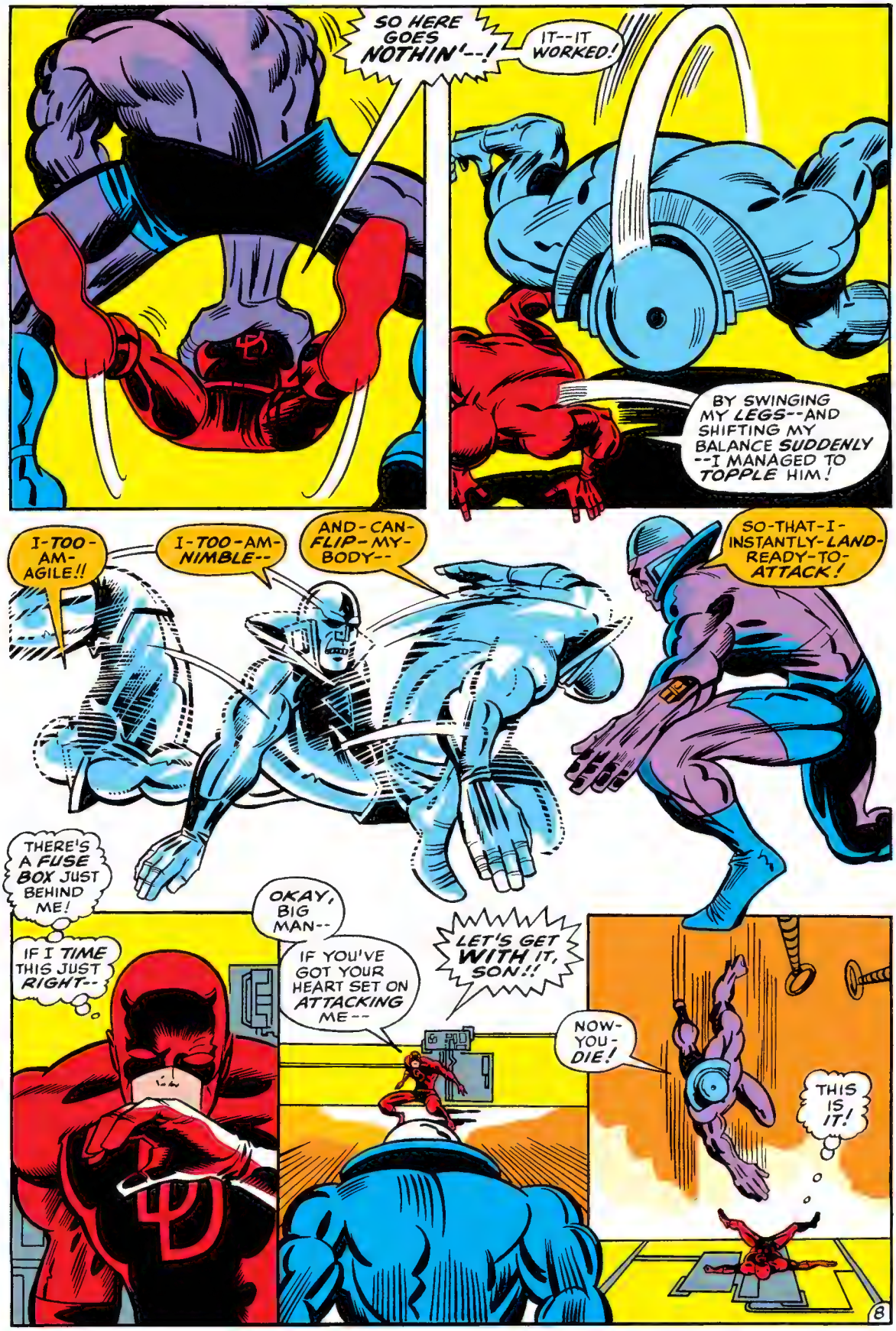
SO HERE GOES NOTHIN'--!
IT--IT WORKED!
BY SWINGING MY LEGS--AND SHIFTING MY BALANCE SUDDENLY --I MANAGED TO TOPPLE HIM!
I-TOO-AM-AGILE!!
I-TOO-AM-NIMBLE--
AND-CAN-FLIP-MY-BODY--
SO-THAT-I-INSTANTLY-LAND-READY-TO-ATTACK!
THERE'S A FUSE BOX JUST BEHIND ME!
IF I TIME THIS JUST RIGHT--
OKAY, BIG MAN--
IF YOU'VE GOT YOUR HEART SET ON ATTACKING ME--
LET'S GET WITH IT, SON!!
NOW-YOU-DIE!
THIS IS IT!
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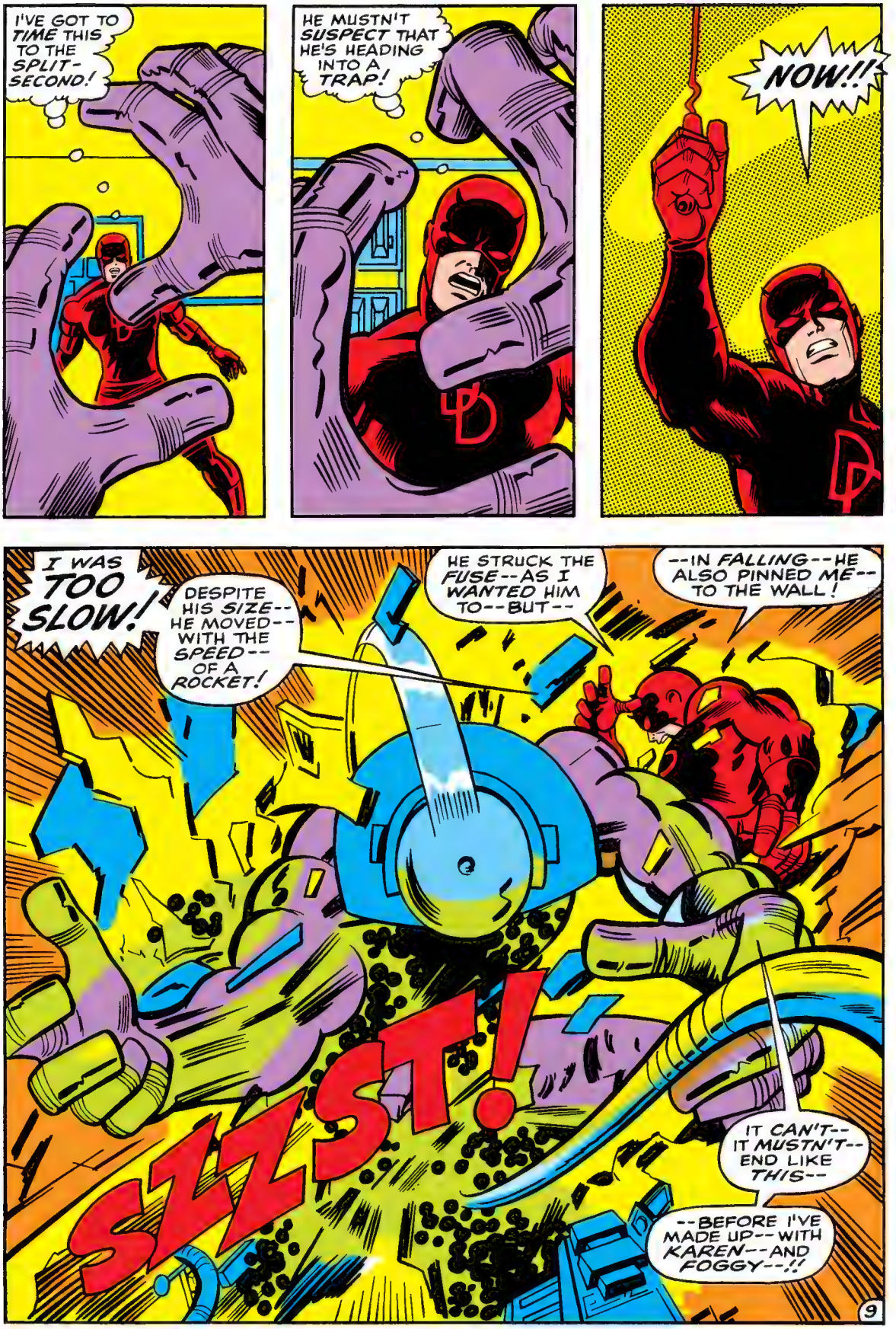
I'VE GOT TO TIME THIS TO THE SPLIT-SECOND!
HE MUSTN'T SUSPECT THAT HE'S HEADING INTO A TRAP!
NOW!!
I WAS TOO SLOW!
DESPITE HIS SIZE--HE MOVED--WITH THE SPEED--OF A ROCKET!
HE STRUCK THE FUSE--AS I WANTED HIM TO--BUT--
--IN FALLING--HE ALSO PINNED ME--TO THE WALL!
SIZZST!
IT CAN'T--IT MUSTN'T--END LIKE THIS--
--BEFORE I'VE MADE UP--WITH KAREN--AND FOGGY--!!
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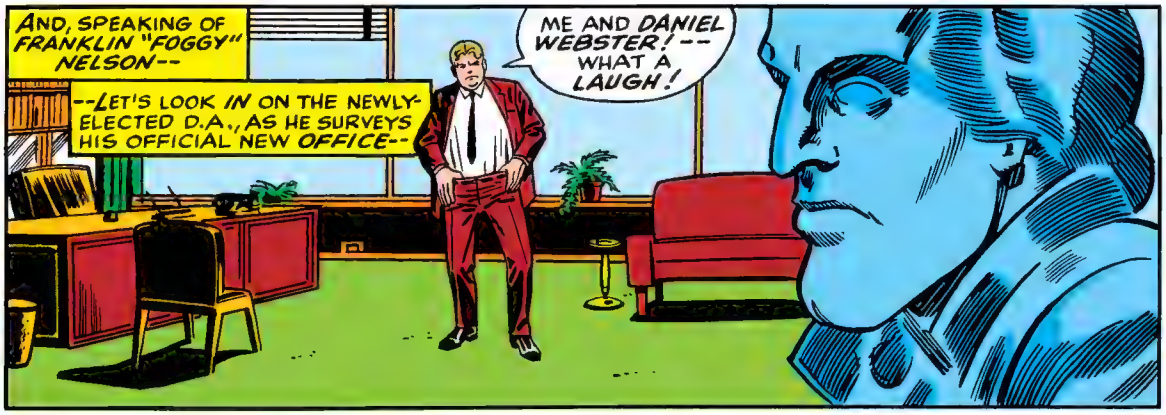
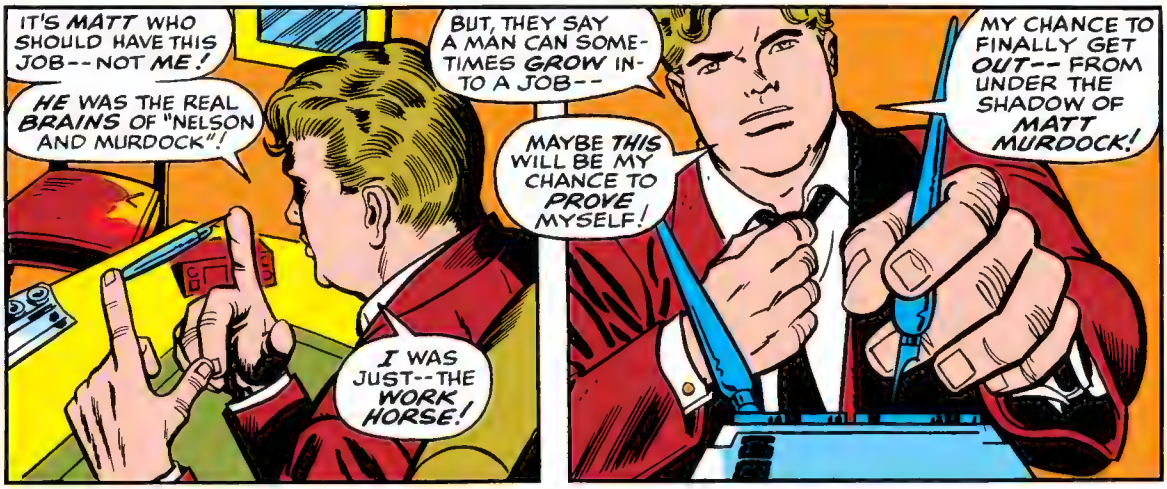

AND, SPEAKING OF FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON--
--LET'S LOOK IN ON THE NEWLY-ELECTED D.A., AS HE SURVEYS HIS OFFICIAL NEW OFFICE--
ME AND DANIEL WEBSTER!--WHAT A LAUGH!

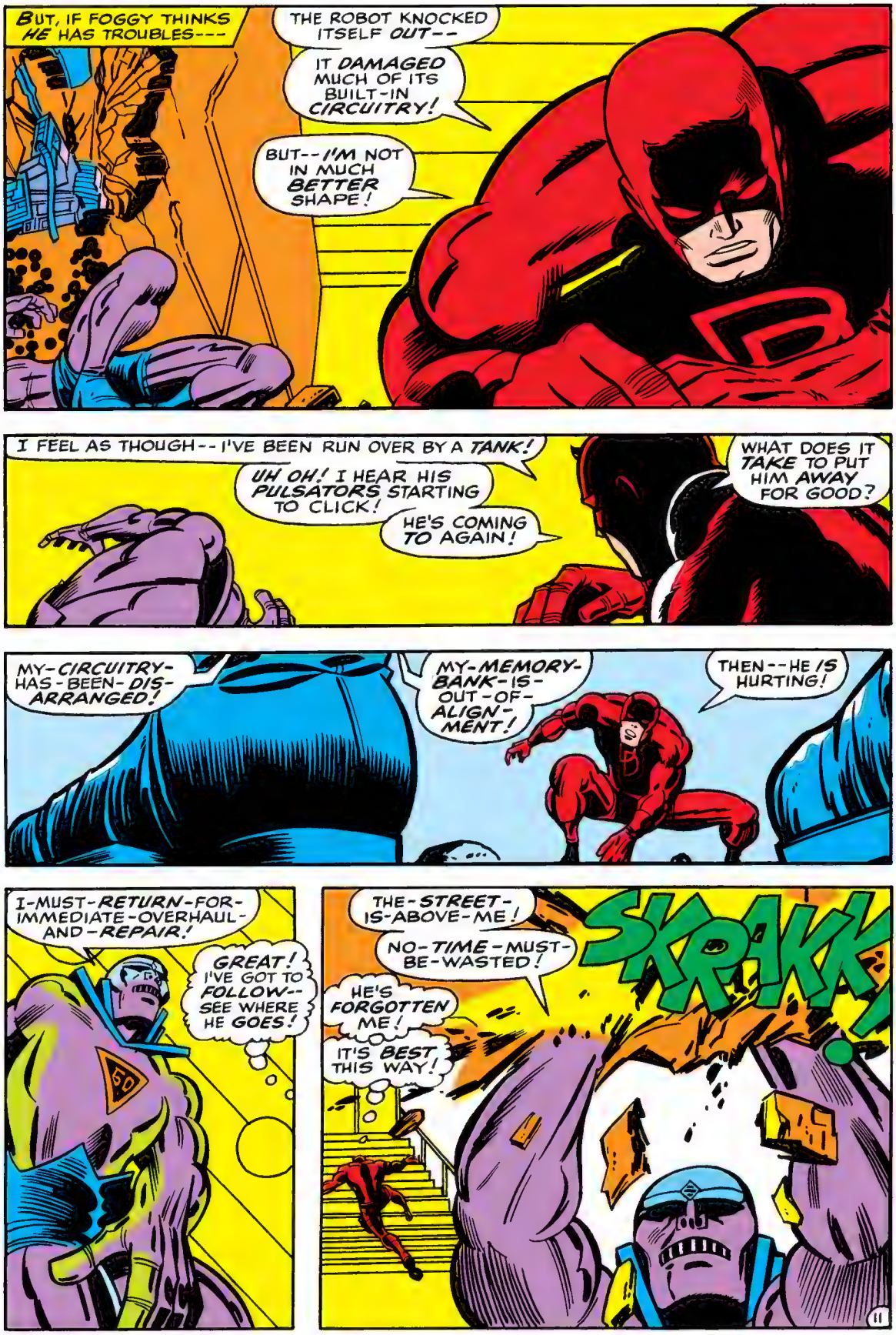

IT'S MATT WHO SHOULD HAVE THIS JOB--NOT ME!
HE WAS THE REAL BRAINS OF "NELSON AND MURDOCK"!
I WAS JUST--THE WORK HORSE!
BUT, THEY SAY A MAN CAN SOMETIMES GROW INTO A JOB--
MAYBE THIS WILL BE MY CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF!
MY CHANCE TO FINALLY GET OUT--FROM UNDER THE SHADOW OF MATT MURDOCK!

THE PHONE!
COULD BE MY FIRST OFFICIAL CALL!
HELLO? OH... KAREN! NO--I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MATT!
IN CASE YOU FORGOT, LADY--MY EX-PARTNER AND I ARE PFFFT!

HE TURNED HIS BACK ON ME--DURING THE CAMPAIGN--WHEN I NEEDED HIS HELP!

SO NOW--FAR AS I'M CONCERNED--HE'S JUST ANOTHER MOUTHPIECE!
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HIM--TRY MISSING PERSONS!
I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!

WHO AM I KIDDING?
NO MATTER WHAT HE DID--OR WHY HE DID IT--HOW CAN I EVER FORGET THAT HE HAD BEEN THE BEST FRIEND A MAN COULD HAVE!
WHY HAS MY STUPID PRIDE TURNED ME AGAINST HIM?


BUT, IF FOGGY THINKS HE HAS TROUBLES---
THE ROBOT KNOCKED ITSELF OUT--
IT DAMAGED MUCH OF ITS BUILT-IN CIRCUITRY!
BUT--I'M NOT IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE!
I FEEL AS THOUGH--I'VE BEEN RUN OVER BY A TANK!
UH OH! I HEAR HIS PULSATORS STARTING TO CLICK!
HE'S COMING TO AGAIN!
WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PUT HIM AWAY FOR GOOD?
MY-CIRCUITRY-HAS-BEEN-DIS-ARRANGED!
MY-MEMORY-BANK-IS-OUT-OF-ALIGN-MENT!
THEN--HE IS HURTING!
I-MUST-RETURN-FOR-IMMEDIATE-OVERHAUL-AND-REPAIR!
GREAT! I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW--SEE WHERE HE GOES!
THE-STREET-IS-ABOVE-ME!
NO-TIME-MUST-BE-WASTED!
HE'S FORGOTTEN ME!
IT'S BEST THIS WAY!
SKRAKK!
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I-CANNOT-REMEMBER -MY-MISSION!
I-MUST-RETURN-FOR -NEW-INSTRUCTIONS!
MY-MEMORY-BANK-MUST-BE -REPROGRAMMED!
BRRAKKK!
NOTHING-MUST-STAND -IN-MY-WAY! NOTHING!
KLONG!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, SON!
I WANT YOU TO REACH YOUR OBJECTIVE--
SO THAT YOU CAN LEAD ME TO THE SUPER-CRUMB WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS!
UH OH! THIS IS BAD!
THE CROWD IS LIABLE TO PANIC HIM!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING --BEFORE SOME-ONE GETS HURT!
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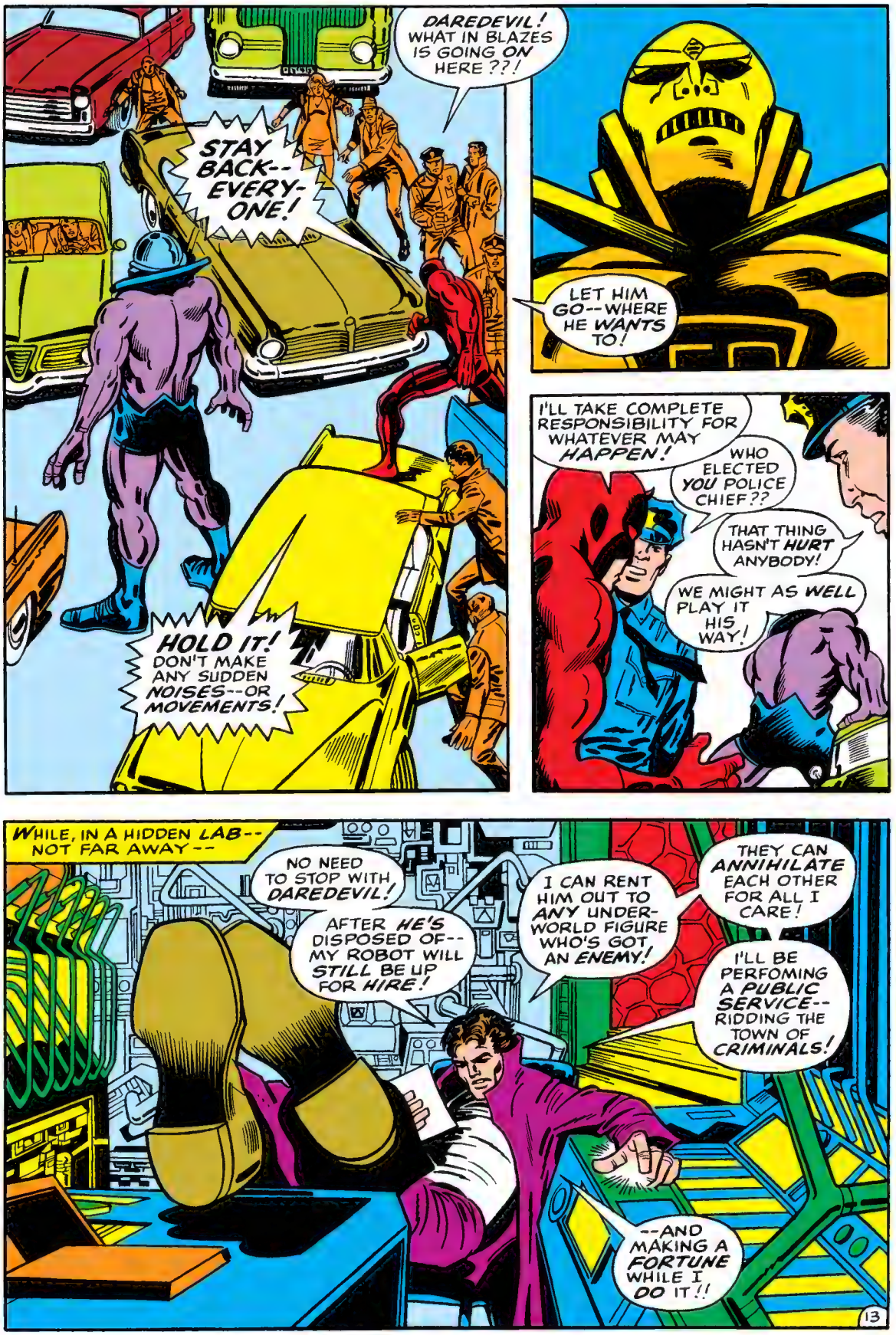
DAREDEVIL! WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOING ON HERE??!
STAY BACK--EVERY-ONE!
HOLD IT! DON'T MAKE ANY SUDDEN NOISES--OR MOVEMENTS!
LET HIM GO--WHERE HE WANTS TO!
I'LL TAKE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN!
WHO ELECTED YOU POLICE CHIEF??
THAT THING HASN'T HURT ANYBODY!
WE MIGHT AS WELL PLAY IT HIS WAY!
WHILE, IN A HIDDEN LAB--NOT FAR AWAY--
NO NEED TO STOP WITH DAREDEVIL!
AFTER HE'S DISPOSED OF--MY ROBOT WILL STILL BE UP FOR HIRE!
I CAN RENT HIM OUT TO ANY UNDER-WORLD FIGURE WHO'S GOT AN ENEMY!
THEY CAN ANNIHILATE EACH OTHER FOR ALL I CARE!
I'LL BE PERFOMING A PUBLIC SERVICE--RIDDING THE TOWN OF CRIMINALS!
--AND MAKING A FORTUNE WHILE I DO IT!!

DARE-DEVIL WAS ONLY THE FIRST!
I'VE ALREADY PREPARED A NEW BATCH OF CHEMICALLY-TREATED AROMAGRAPHS!
PICTURES OF THE BIGGEST --MOST HATED CRIMINALS OF ALL!
WITH THE HELP OF MY ROBOT--
I'LL BECOME MASTER OF THEM ALL!
THERE'LL BE NO ONE I CANNOT CRUSH! NO ONE I CANNOT--
WAIT!!
WHAT'S THAT??!
I-HAVE-RETURNED!
I-REQUEST-NEW-ORDERS!
BUT WAIT!! WHAT ABOUT-- DAREDEVIL??
I-REMEMBER -NOTHING!
SPEAK! I COMMAND YOU!
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MAYBE I CAN CLUE YOU IN, CURLY!
DARE-DEVIL!
YOU KNOW WHO I AM--
BUT YOU'RE A "NEWIE" TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ESCAPED THE ROBOT--
BUT YOU'LL NEVER GET PAST ME!
LIQUID PHOSPHORUS!
YOU SURE PLAY ROUGH, LITTLE MAN!

BOTH MY SPEED--AND MY ASBESTOS-TREATED COSTUME WILL GET ME THRU THE FLAMES!
AFTER THAT--IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!
I'VE GOT TO PUT HIS PHOTO IN THE AROMASCOPE AGAIN!!
IT'LL ACTIVATE THE ROBOT ONCE MORE--AND THIS TIME--HE WON'T ESCAPE!
THERE! IT'S DONE!
YOU'RE DOOMED --YOU FOOL!
I-HAVE-BEEN-REPROGRAMMED!
MY-MISSION--DESTROY-THE-ONE-CALLED-BIGGIE-BENSON!
BIGGIE BENSON!
HE'S DOING TIME IN JAIL RIGHT NOW!
HOW DOES HE FIGURE IN TO ALL OF THIS?
BENSON?!! NO--NOT HIM!
IN MY HASTE, I-I INSERTED THE WRONG CARD!!
IT'S DARE-DEVIL WHO MUST BE THE VICTIM!! ONLY DARE-DEVIL!!
OKAY, SO I'M FLATTERED! NOW TALK!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT MAKES ME YOUR PIGEON?
IT WAS BENSON! HE HIRED ME--TO SET THE ROBOT AGAINST YOU--BECAUSE HE WANTED REVENGE!
BUT--THERE'S NO TIME! IF IT ISN'T STOPPED--BENSON WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
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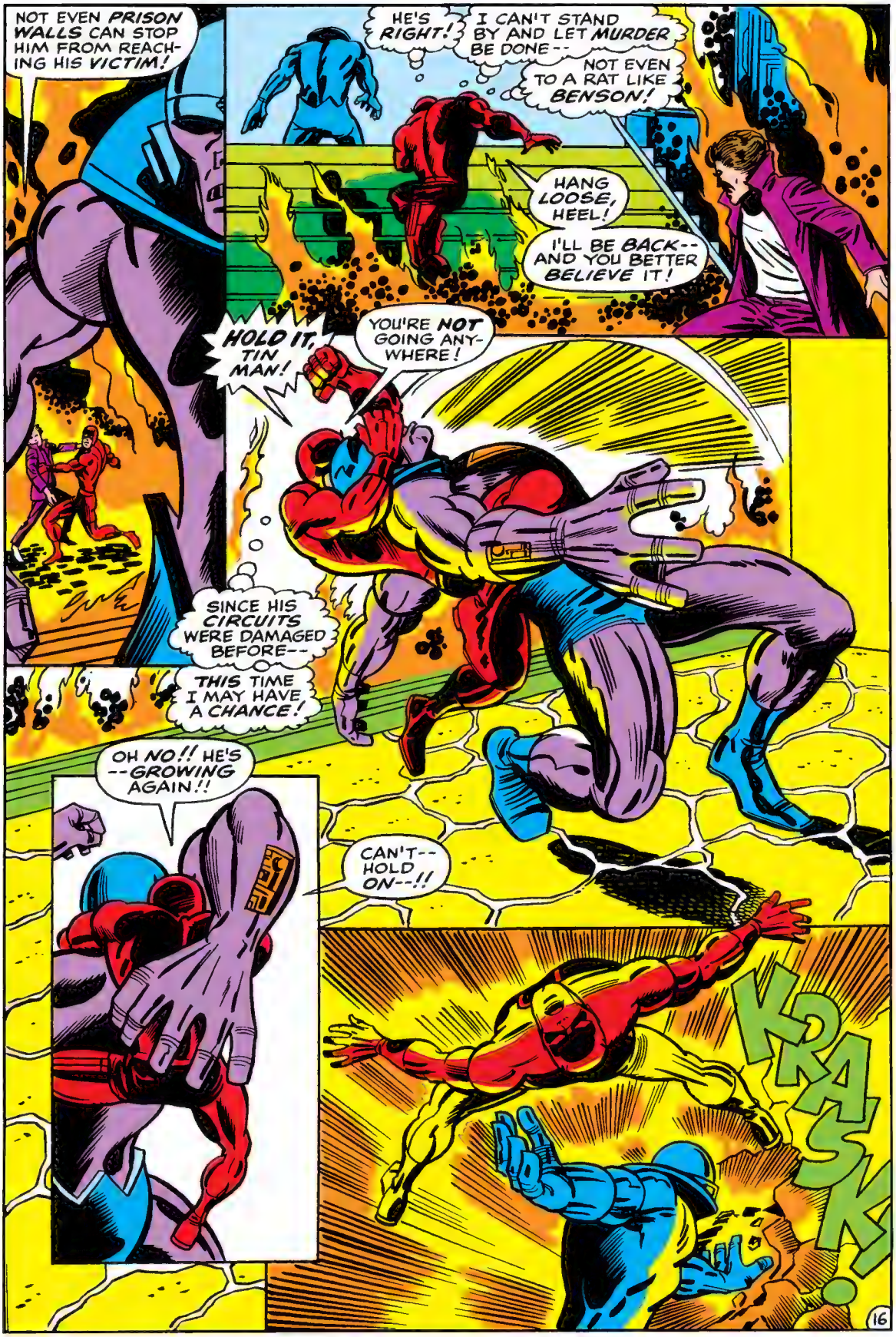
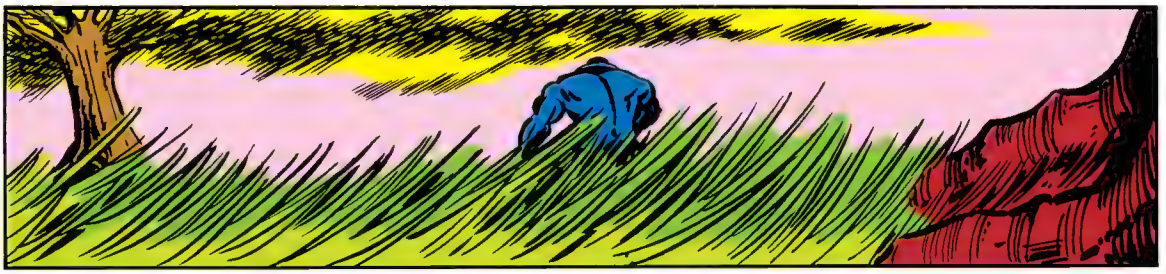
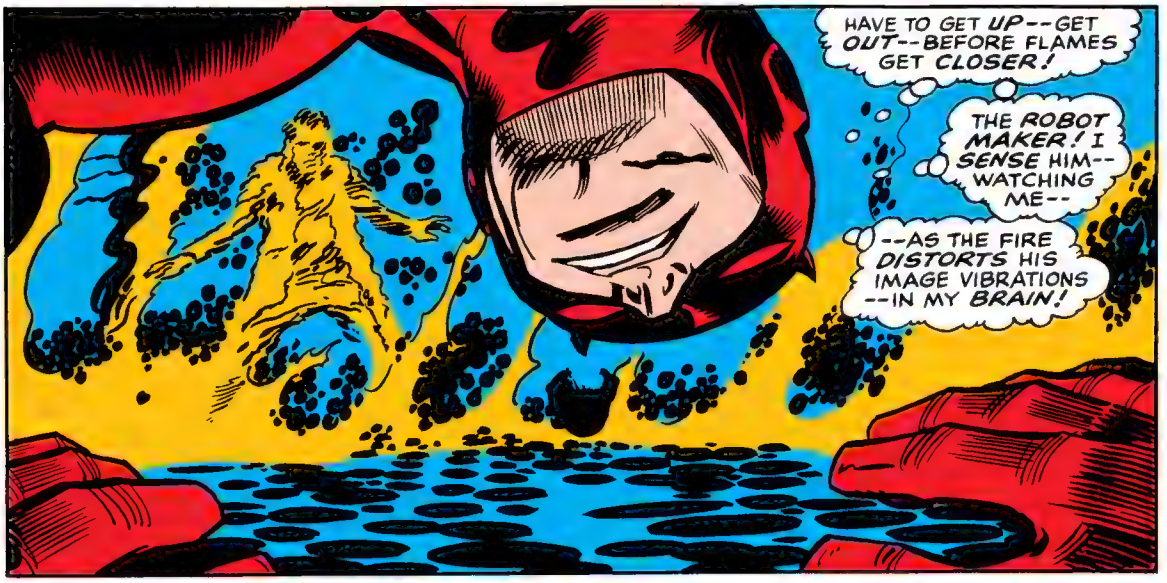
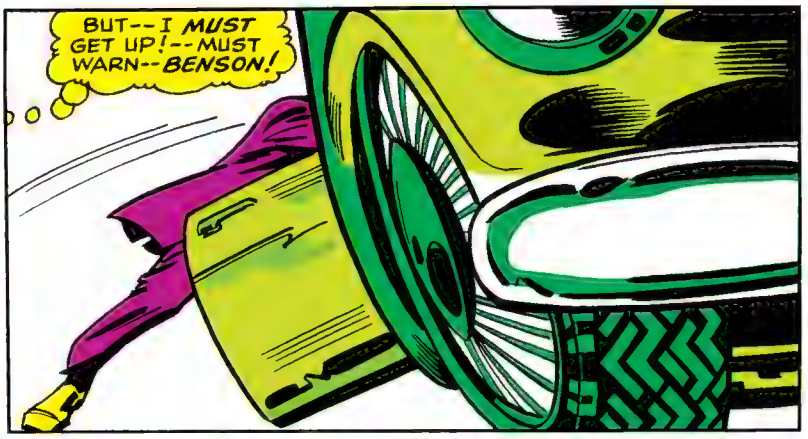

NOT EVEN PRISON WALLS CAN STOP HIM FROM REACHING HIS VICTIM!
HE'S RIGHT!
I CAN'T STAND BY AND LET MURDER BE DONE--
NOT EVEN TO A RAT LIKE BENSON!
HANG LOOSE, HEEL!
I'LL BE BACK--AND YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!
HOLD IT, TIN MAN!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
SINCE HIS CIRCUITS WERE DAMAGED BEFORE--
THIS TIME I MAY HAVE A CHANCE!
OH NO!! HE'S --GROWING AGAIN!!
CAN'T-- HOLD ON--!!
KRASK!



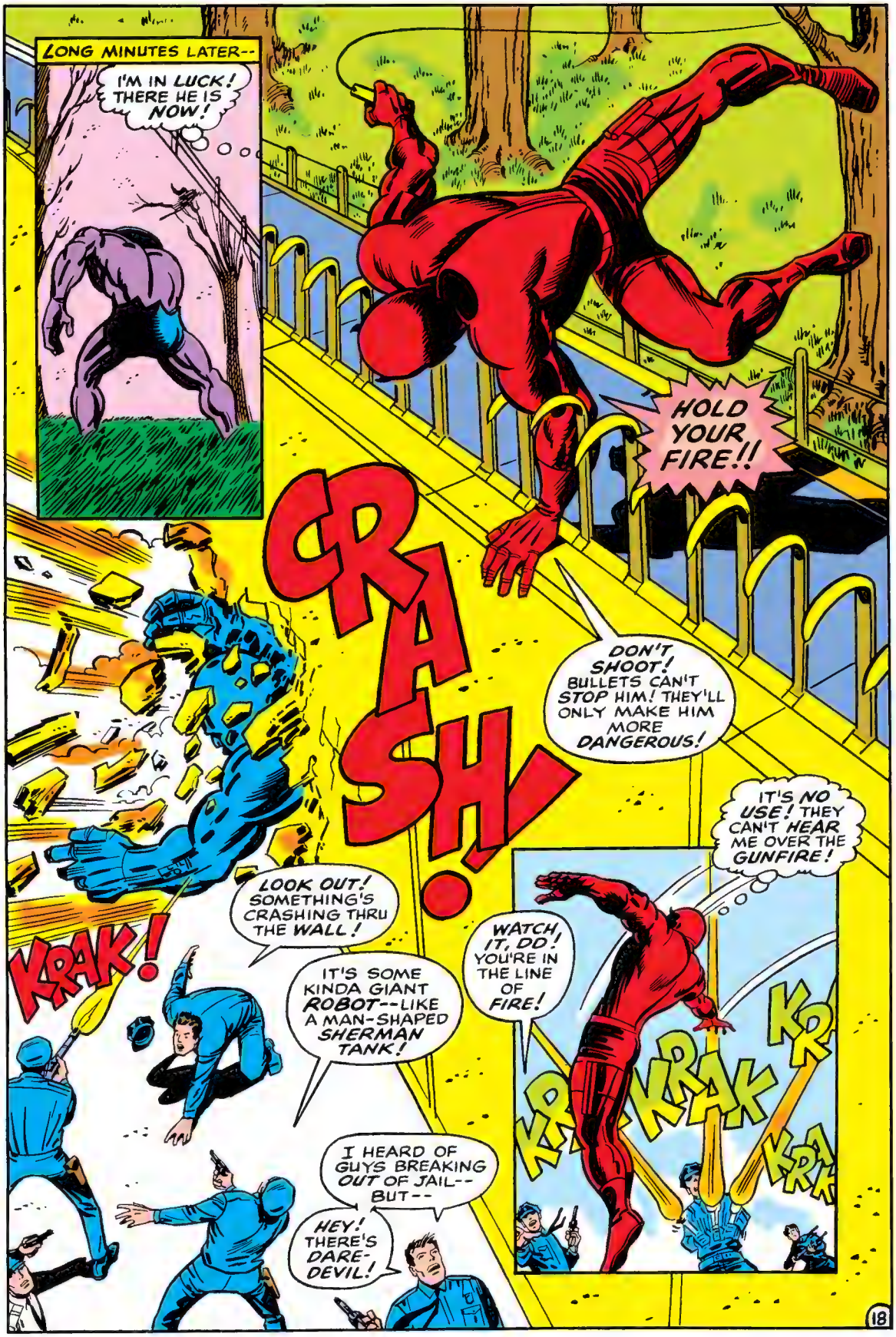

HAVE TO GET UP--GET OUT--BEFORE FLAMES GET CLOSER!
THE ROBOT MAKER! I SENSE HIM--WATCHING ME--
--AS THE FIRE DISTORTS HIS IMAGE VIBRATIONS --IN MY BRAIN!

NOW HE'S LEAVING--RACING DOWN THE PASSAGEWAY--
AND I'M STILL TOO GROGGY--TO GO AFTER HIM!


BUT--I MUST GET UP!--MUST WARN--BENSON!

COME ON, MATTHEW!
YOU--CAN DO IT, BOY!!

I'LL WORRY ABOUT THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS--LATER!
STRANGE--I STILL DON'T EVEN KNOW--HIS NAME!
AT LEAST--THE ROBOT LEFT AN EASY TRAIL--TO FOLLOW!


LONG MINUTES LATER--
I'M IN LUCK! THERE HE IS NOW!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!!
CRASH!
DON'T SHOOT! BULLETS CAN'T STOP HIM! THEY'LL ONLY MAKE HIM MORE DANGEROUS!
IT'S NO USE! THEY CAN'T HEAR ME OVER THE GUNFIRE!
LOOK OUT! SOMETHING'S CRASHING THRU THE WALL!
KRAK!
IT'S SOME KINDA GIANT ROBOT--LIKE A MAN-SHAPED SHERMAN TANK!
WATCH IT, DD! YOU'RE IN THE LINE OF FIRE!
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I HEARD OF GUYS BREAKING OUT OF JAIL--BUT--
HEY! THERE'S DARE-DEVIL!

CAN'T STOP-- DESPITE THE GUNFIRE!
I HAVE TO REACH BENSON FIRST!
SKREEEEEEEEEEE
AT LEAST I'VE ONE ADVANTAGE--
--I'M FASTER THAN-- ARHHH!
I'M HIT!
BUT--I HAVE TO KEEP GOING!
IT'S ONLY A FLESH WOUND!
I'LL BE OKAY--
--IF I DON'T LOOSE--TOO MUCH BLOOD!
MADE IT!--BUT... WEAKER THAN I THOUGHT!
SHOULD TRY-- TO STOP THE BLEEDING-- BUT--NO TIME! --I HEAR THE ROBOT-- BELOW!
DON'T DARE WAIT--TO EXPLAIN TO GUARD--!
I'LL MAKE IT FAST--AND PAINLESS!
HE'LL SLEEP A WHILE--BUT FEEL NOTHING!
NOW FOR HIS KEYS!

BENSON--QUICK! GET OUT OF HERE!
THERE ISN'T ANY TIME!
YOU!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD BY NOW!
I DUNNO WHAT YOUR GAME IS, BUT--
HEY! YOU'RE HURT!
LISTEN! ONLY--SECONDS LEFT--
THE ROBOT--IS COMING!
SO WHAT? YOU'RE THE ONE HE'S AFTER!
NO! YOU DON'T--UNDER-STAND--!
EVERYTHING--GOING BLACK--
NICE OF YOU TO DROP BY, MASKED MAN--
BUT I AIN'T BUYIN' YOUR ROBOT YARN!
THAT WALKIN' MURDER MACHINE AIN'T EVER COMIN' HERE!
I-HAVE-REACHED-MY-OBJECTIVE!
NO!
NO!
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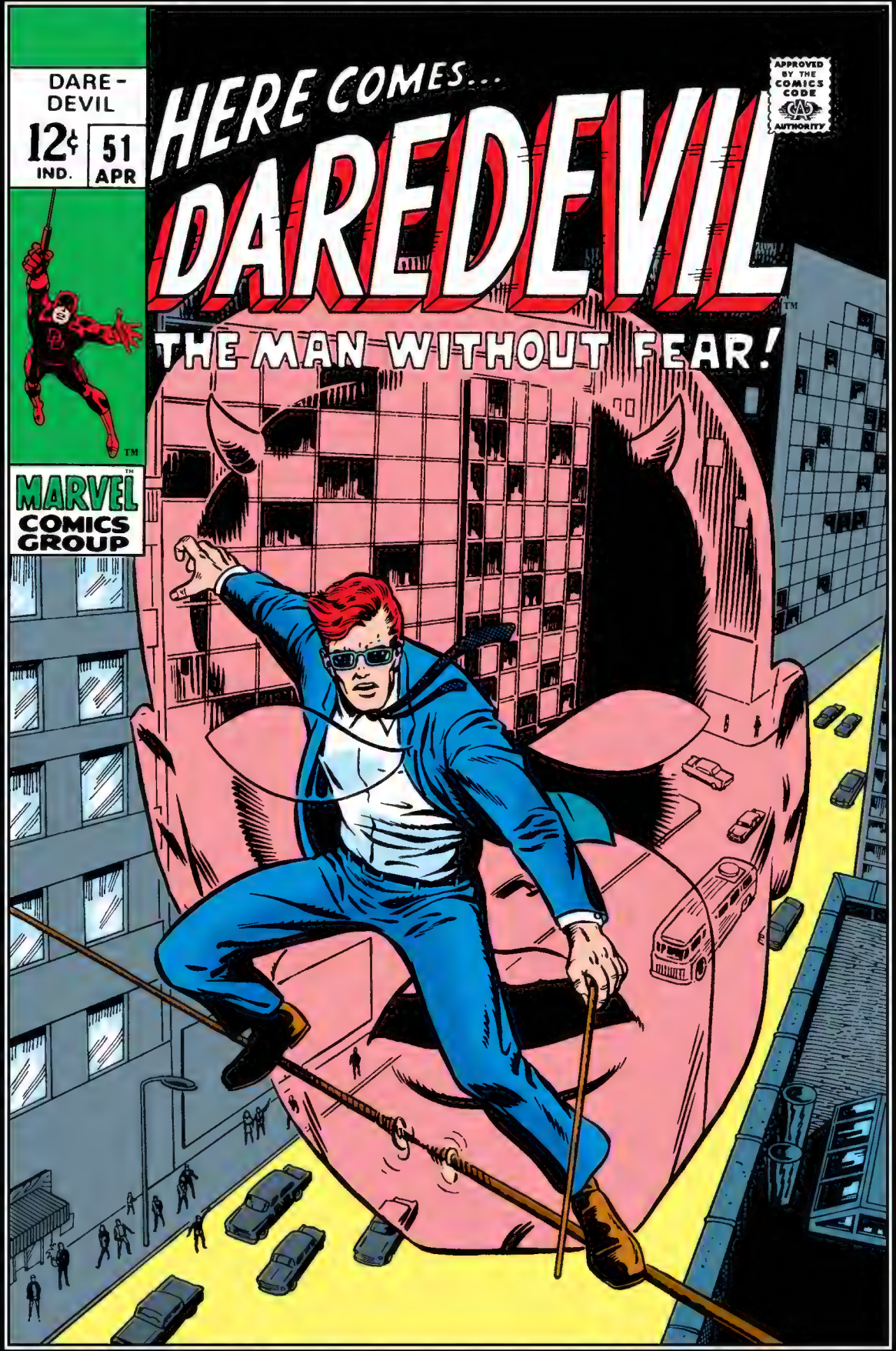
NEXT
TARGET: DAREDEVIL!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YOU MADE A MISTAKE, BIGGIE BENSON! YOU STRUCK DOWN A WOUNDED DD, EVEN AS HE GASPED OUT A WARNING...AND NOW, AS A RAMPAGING ROBOT HAMMERS ITS WAY THRU A SOLID PRISON WALL, YOU THINK MAYBE IT WAS YOUR LAST MISTAKE....!
NO! NO! IT'S NOT ME YOU WANT-- NOT ME! IT'S--
DAREDEVIL!

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NO USE!
FOR SOME REASON --THE ROBOT IS AFTER ME!
WAKE UP, DARE-DEVIL--YOU GOTTA SAVE ME--!
NOTHING-CAN-SAVE-YOU-BIGGIE-BENSON!
FOR-I-HAVE-BEEN-PROGRAMMED-TO-DESTROY-YOU!
NO! KILL DAREDEVIL--NOT ME! HIM--NOT ME--!
PUNY-HUMAN-GUARDS! BUT-THEY-CANNOT-AID-YOU!
MY-PLASTIC-FORM-WAS-CREATED-TO-ABSORB-MERE-BULLETS!
HELP ME! IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN--HELP ME!
IF WE SHOOT 'IM--HE MIGHT DROP BENSON!
WE BETTER HOPE THIS GADGET WE'RE CARRYING WORKS!
IT'LL WORK, MISTER!
TONY STARK'S STUNULATOR WAS DESIGNED FOR FULL-SCALE RIOT CONTROL!*
THAT WAS AGAINST HUMAN KILLERS--NOT SOMETHING LIKE--THAT!
BUT, WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE--!
*AS FIRST SEEN IN AVENGERS SPECIAL #1! --STAN.
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I-SENSE-IMPENDING-DANGER!
MY-FIRST-FUNCTION--IS-TO-PROTECT-MYSELF!
MUST-ATTACK--BEFORE-THEY-CAN-FIRE!
HE--HE DROPPED ME!
GET HIM, YOU CLOWNS!
BLAST 'IM TO BITS!
HE'S COMING THIS WAY!
OPEN FIRE!
THE NEXT INSTANT--FORCE-RAYS OF SHOCKING, SEARING INTENSITY STRIKE THE BODY OF THE MAMMOTH PLASTOID--
--BOMBARDING IT--BLUDGEONING IT--AND TEACHING IT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOMETHING VERY MUCH LIKE THE HUMAN SENSATION OF--
--PAIN!!
MUST-GROW-AGAIN! MUST-GROW!
HE'S HURTIN', CAP'N!
HIS VOICE --IT'S LIKE A SOUL IN TORMENT!
NEVER MIND THAT!
HE'S GROWING --HUGE!
FIRE THAT THING--!
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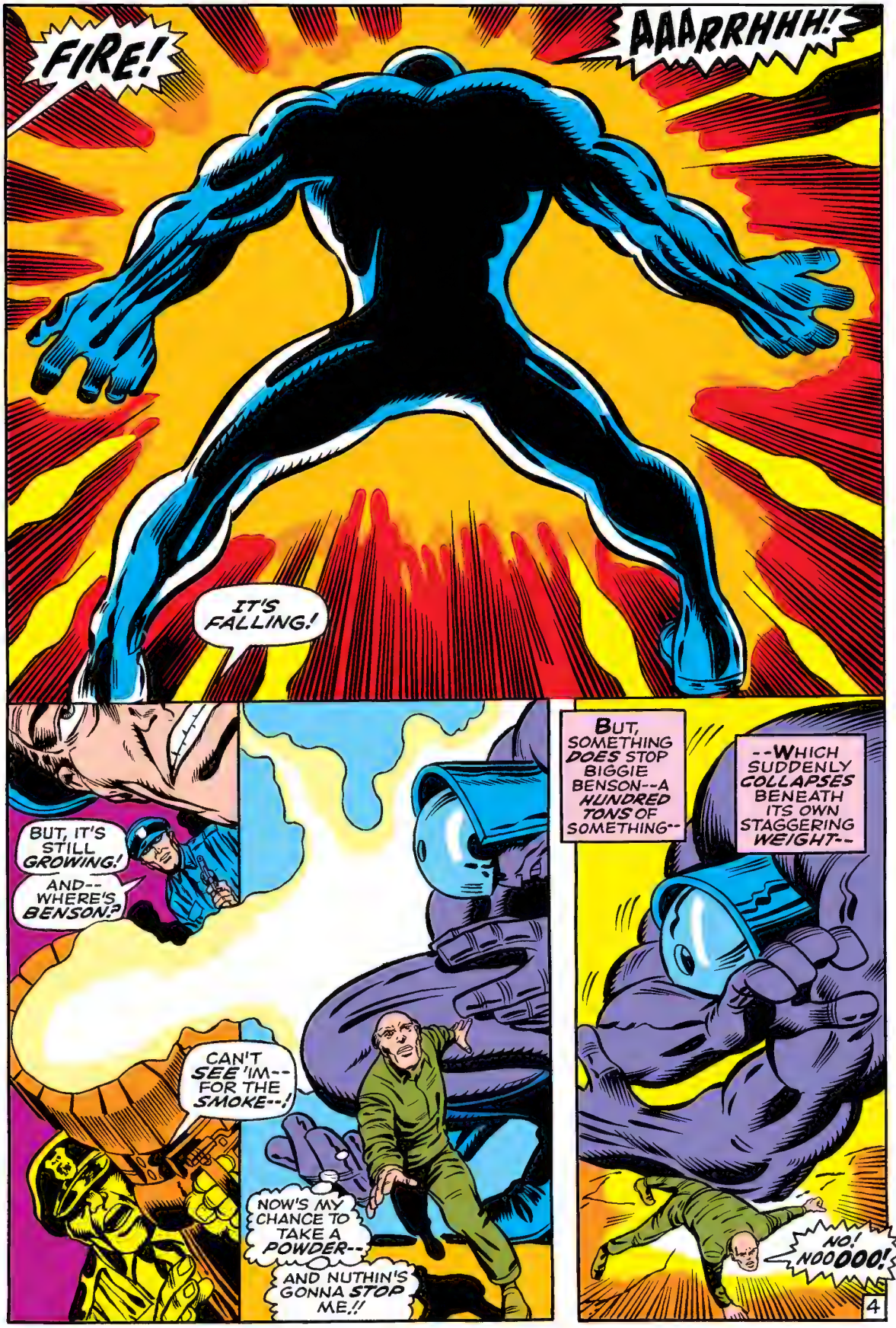
FIRE!
AAARRHHH!
IT'S FALLING!
BUT, IT'S STILL GROWING!
AND-- WHERE'S BENSON?
CAN'T SEE 'IM-- FOR THE SMOKE--!
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO TAKE A POWDER--
AND NUTHIN'S GONNA STOP ME!!
BUT, SOMETHING DOES STOP BIGGIE BENSON--A HUNDRED TONS OF SOMETHING--
--WHICH SUDDENLY COLLAPSES BENEATH ITS OWN STAGGERING WEIGHT--
NO! NOOOOO!
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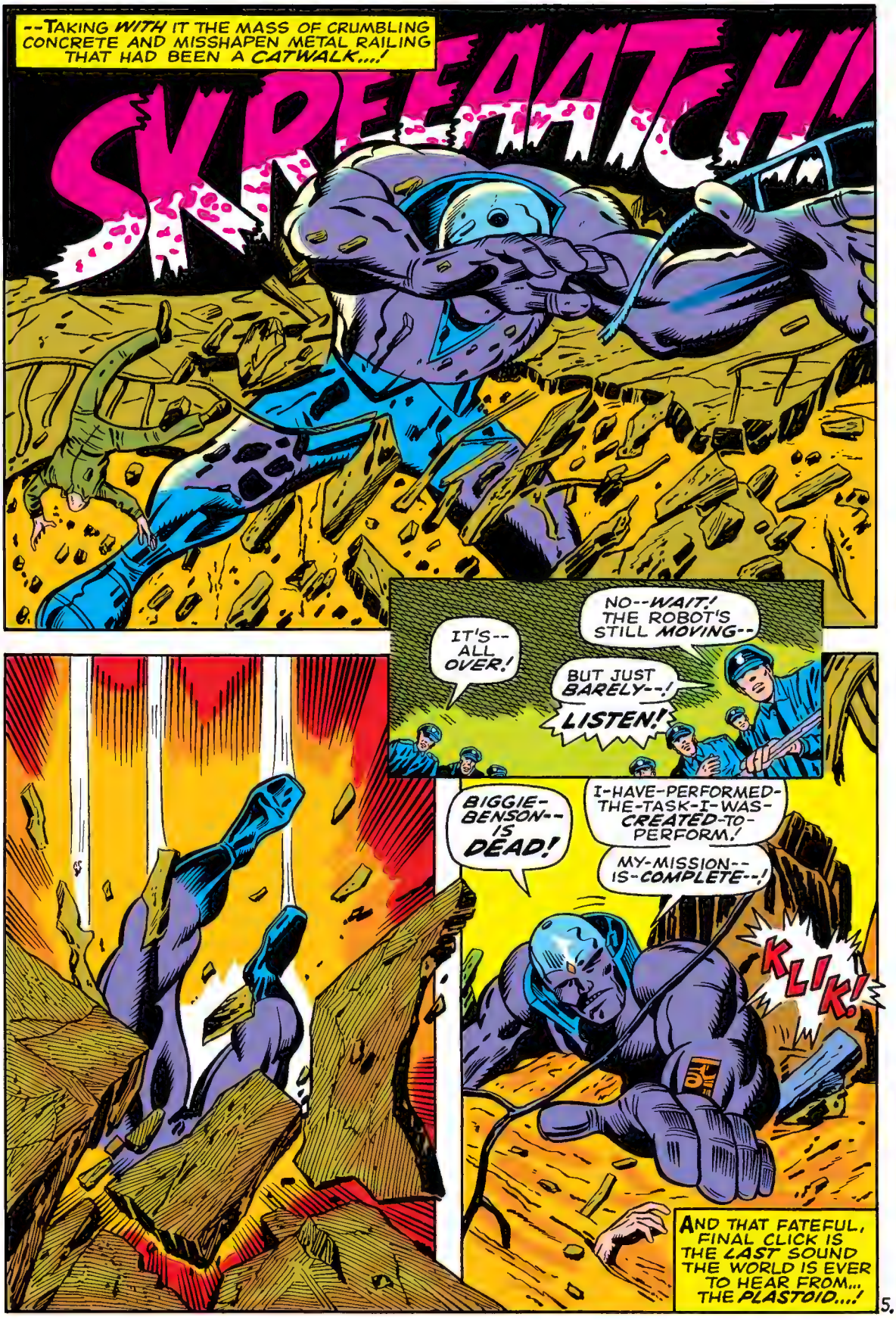
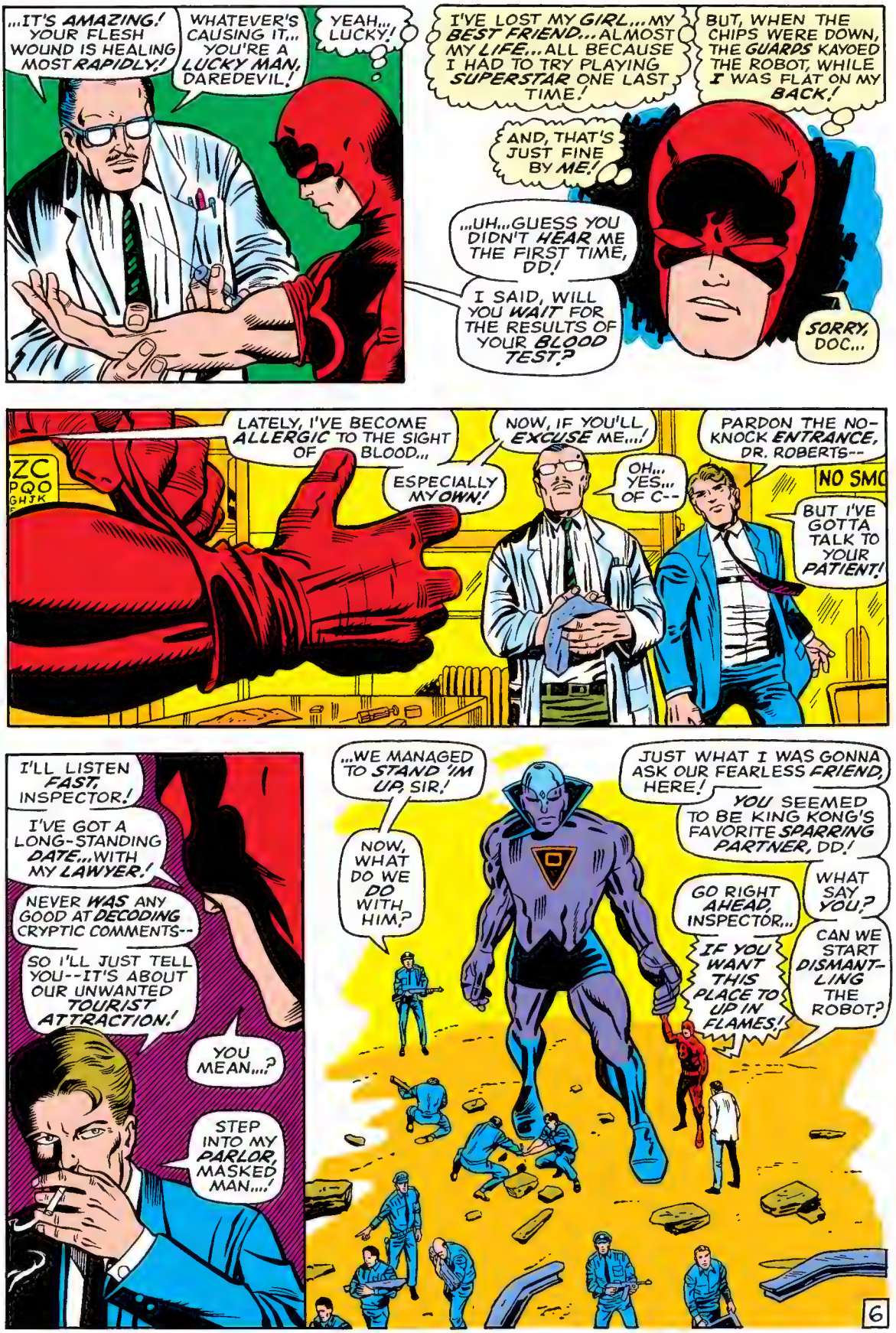

--TAKING WITH IT THE MASS OF CRUMBLING CONCRETE AND MISSHAPEN METAL RAILING THAT HAD BEEN A CATWALK....!
SKREEAATCH!
IT'S-- ALL OVER!
NO--WAIT! THE ROBOT'S STILL MOVING--
BUT JUST BARELY--!
LISTEN!
BIGGIE-BENSON-- IS DEAD!
I-HAVE-PERFORMED-THE-TASK-I-WAS-CREATED-TO-PERFORM.!
MY-MISSION-- IS-COMPLETE--!
KLIK!
AND THAT FATEFUL, FINAL CLICK IS THE LAST SOUND THE WORLD IS EVER TO HEAR FROM... THE PLASTOID....!


...IT'S AMAZING! YOUR FLESH WOUND IS HEALING MOST RAPIDLY!
WHATEVER'S CAUSING IT,... YOU'RE A LUCKY MAN, DAREDEVIL!
YEAH,... LUCKY!
I'VE LOST MY GIRL... MY BEST FRIEND... ALMOST MY LIFE... ALL BECAUSE I HAD TO TRY PLAYING SUPERSTAR ONE LAST TIME!
BUT, WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN, THE GUARDS KAYOED THE ROBOT, WHILE I WAS FLAT ON MY BACK!
AND, THAT'S JUST FINE BY ME!
...UH...GUESS YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME THE FIRST TIME, DD!
I SAID, WILL YOU WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF YOUR BLOOD TEST?
SORRY, DOC...
LATELY, I'VE BECOME ALLERGIC TO THE SIGHT OF BLOOD...
ESPECIALLY MY OWN!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...!
OH... YES... OF C--
PARDON THE NO-KNOCK ENTRANCE, DR. ROBERTS--
BUT I'VE GOTTA TALK TO YOUR PATIENT!
I'LL LISTEN FAST, INSPECTOR!
I'VE GOT A LONG-STANDING DATE... WITH MY LAWYER!
NEVER WAS ANY GOOD AT DECODING CRYPTIC COMMENTS--
SO I'LL JUST TELL YOU--IT'S ABOUT OUR UNWANTED TOURIST ATTRACTION!
YOU MEAN...?
STEP INTO MY PARLOR, MASKED MAN...!
...WE MANAGED TO STAND 'IM UP, SIR!
NOW, WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM?
JUST WHAT I WAS GONNA ASK OUR FEARLESS FRIEND, HERE!
YOU SEEMED TO BE KING KONG'S FAVORITE SPARRING PARTNER, DD!
WHAT SAY YOU?
GO RIGHT AHEAD, INSPECTOR...
IF YOU WANT THIS PLACE TO UP IN FLAMES!
CAN WE START DISMANTLING THE ROBOT?
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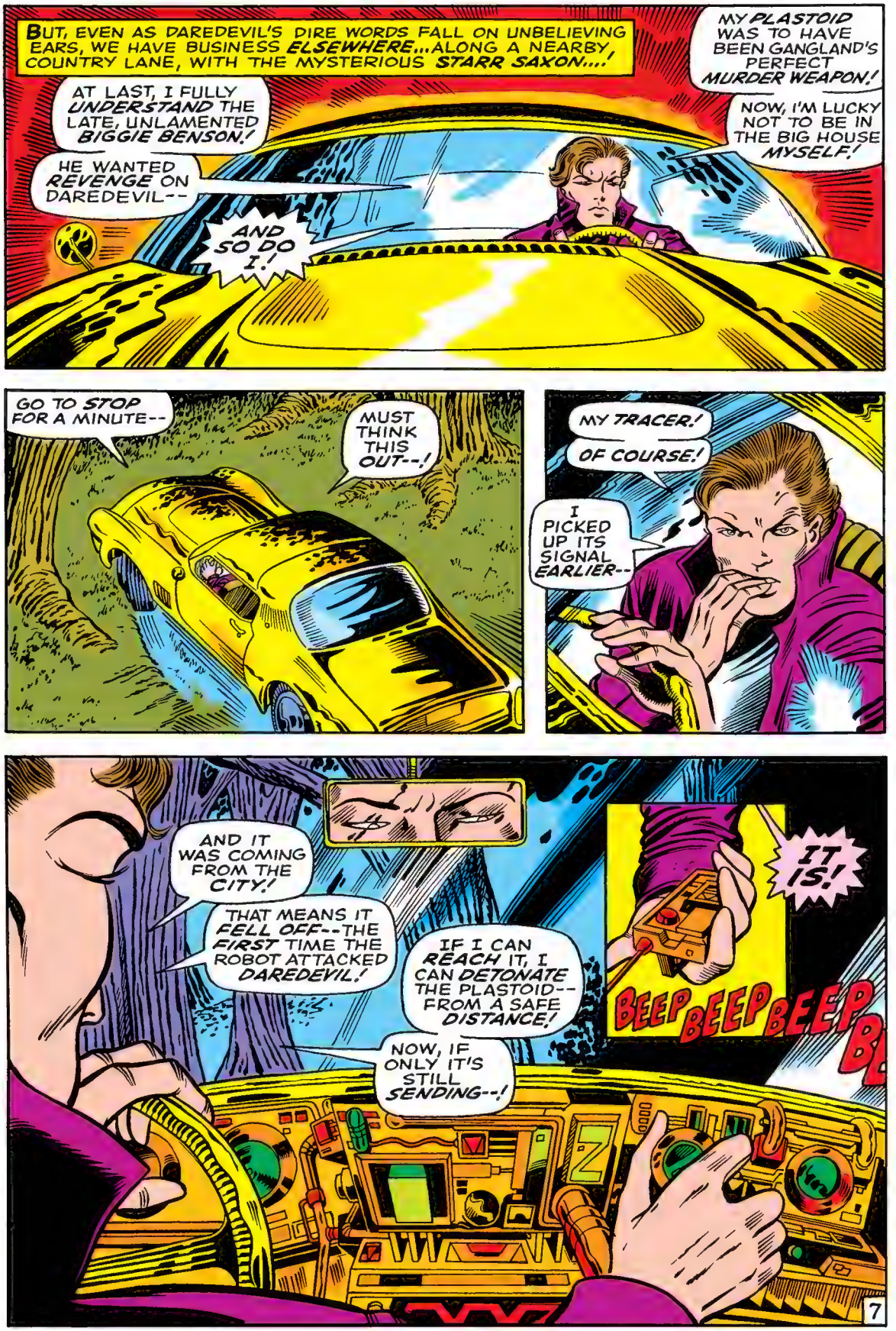
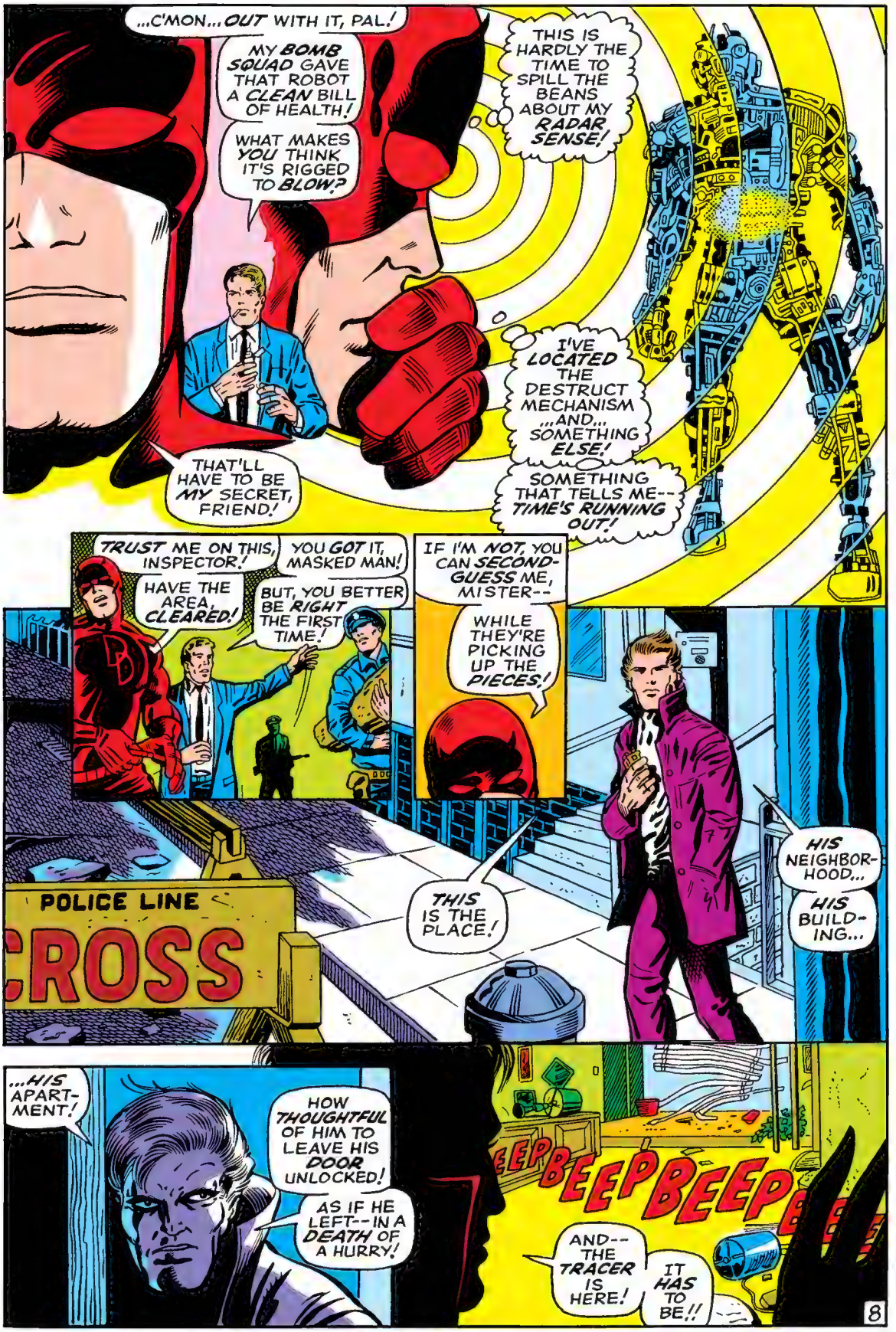

BUT, EVEN AS DAREDEVIL'S DIRE WORDS FALL ON UNBELIEVING EARS, WE HAVE BUSINESS ELSEWHERE...ALONG A NEARBY, COUNTRY LANE, WITH THE MYSTERIOUS STARR SAXON...!
AT LAST, I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE LATE, UNLAMENTED BIGGIE BENSON!
HE WANTED REVENGE ON DAREDEVIL--
AND SO DO I!
MY PLASTOID WAS TO HAVE BEEN GANGLAND'S PERFECT MURDER WEAPON!
NOW, I'M LUCKY NOT TO BE IN THE BIG HOUSE MYSELF!
GO TO STOP FOR A MINUTE--
MUST THINK THIS OUT--!
MY TRACER!
OF COURSE!
I PICKED UP ITS SIGNAL EARLIER--
AND IT WAS COMING FROM THE CITY!
THAT MEANS IT FELL OFF--THE FIRST TIME THE ROBOT ATTACKED DAREDEVIL!
IF I CAN REACH IT, I CAN DETONATE THE PLASTOID--FROM A SAFE DISTANCE!
NOW, IF ONLY IT'S STILL SENDING--!
IT IS!
BEEP BEEP BEEP


...C'MON... OUT WITH IT, PAL!
MY BOMB SQUAD GAVE THAT ROBOT A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT'S RIGGED TO BLOW?
THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO SPILL THE BEANS ABOUT MY RADAR SENSE!
I'VE LOCATED THE DESTRUCT MECHANISM ...AND... SOMETHING ELSE!
SOMETHING THAT TELLS ME-- TIME'S RUNNING OUT!
THAT'LL HAVE TO BE MY SECRET, FRIEND!
TRUST ME ON THIS, INSPECTOR!
HAVE THE AREA, CLEARED!
YOU GOT IT, MASKED MAN!
BUT, YOU BETTER BE RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!
IF I'M NOT, YOU CAN SECOND-GUESS ME, MISTER--
WHILE THEY'RE PICKING UP THE PIECES!
POLICE LINE
CROSS
THIS IS THE PLACE!
HIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD...
HIS BUILD-ING...
...HIS APART-MENT!
HOW THOUGHTFUL OF HIM TO LEAVE HIS DOOR UNLOCKED!
AS IF HE LEFT--IN A DEATH OF A HURRY!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
AND-- THE TRACER IS HERE!
IT HAS TO BE!!
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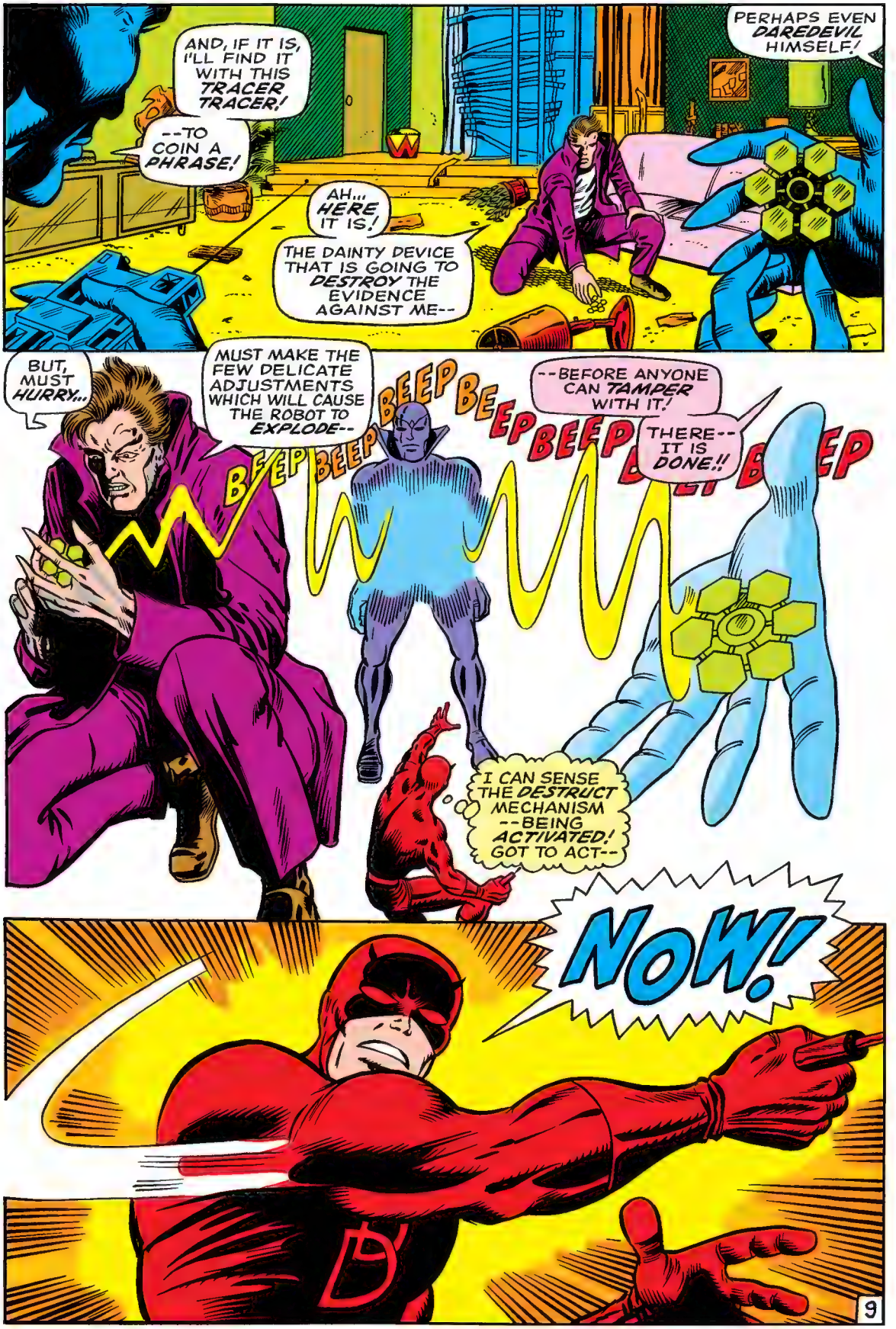
AND, IF IT IS, I'LL FIND IT WITH THIS TRACER TRACER!
--TO COIN A PHRASE!
AH... HERE IT IS!
THE DAINTY DEVICE THAT IS GOING TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE AGAINST ME--
PERHAPS EVEN DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
BUT, MUST HURRY...
MUST MAKE THE FEW DELICATE ADJUSTMENTS WHICH WILL CAUSE THE ROBOT TO EXPLODE--
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
--BEFORE ANYONE CAN TAMPER WITH IT!
THERE-- IT IS DONE!!
I CAN SENSE THE DESTRUCT MECHANISM --BEING ACTIVATED! GOT TO ACT--
NOW!
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IT--WORKED!
I STRUCK THE CHEST-PLATE WITH JUST ENOUGH FORCE TO JAR THE INTRICATE MECHANISM BENEATH IT!
I WONDER--WAS IT AUTO-MATICALLY ACTIVATED, OR--?
NO!
IT ISN'T POSSIBLE!
SOMEHOW--AT THE LAST MOMENT--HE'S THWARTED ME AGAIN!
I KNOW IT!
I CAN FEEL IT IN EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING!
IT WAS DAREDEVIL WHO DID THIS--DAREDEVIL!
AND-I-SHALL-HAVE-MY--REVENGE!!
WAIT! WHAT'S THIS??
all my Love Karen
This is to Certify that.....
Matthew Murdock
has comple rements for
MATTHEW MURDOCK, EH?
THIS IS THE APARTMENT OF THAT BLIND LAWYER!
AS THEY SAY...VERRRY INTERESTING...
AND SO IS... THIS!
WHEN IT COMES TO CONCEALING SECRET COMPARTMENTS BEHIND CLOSETS--DAREDEVIL IS A VERITABLE AMATEUR!
AND NOW, I'D BETTER SAY IT OUT LOUD--
--BEFORE THE PROVERBIAL HOUSE FALLS ON ME!
MATTHEW MURDOCK IS DAREDEVIL!
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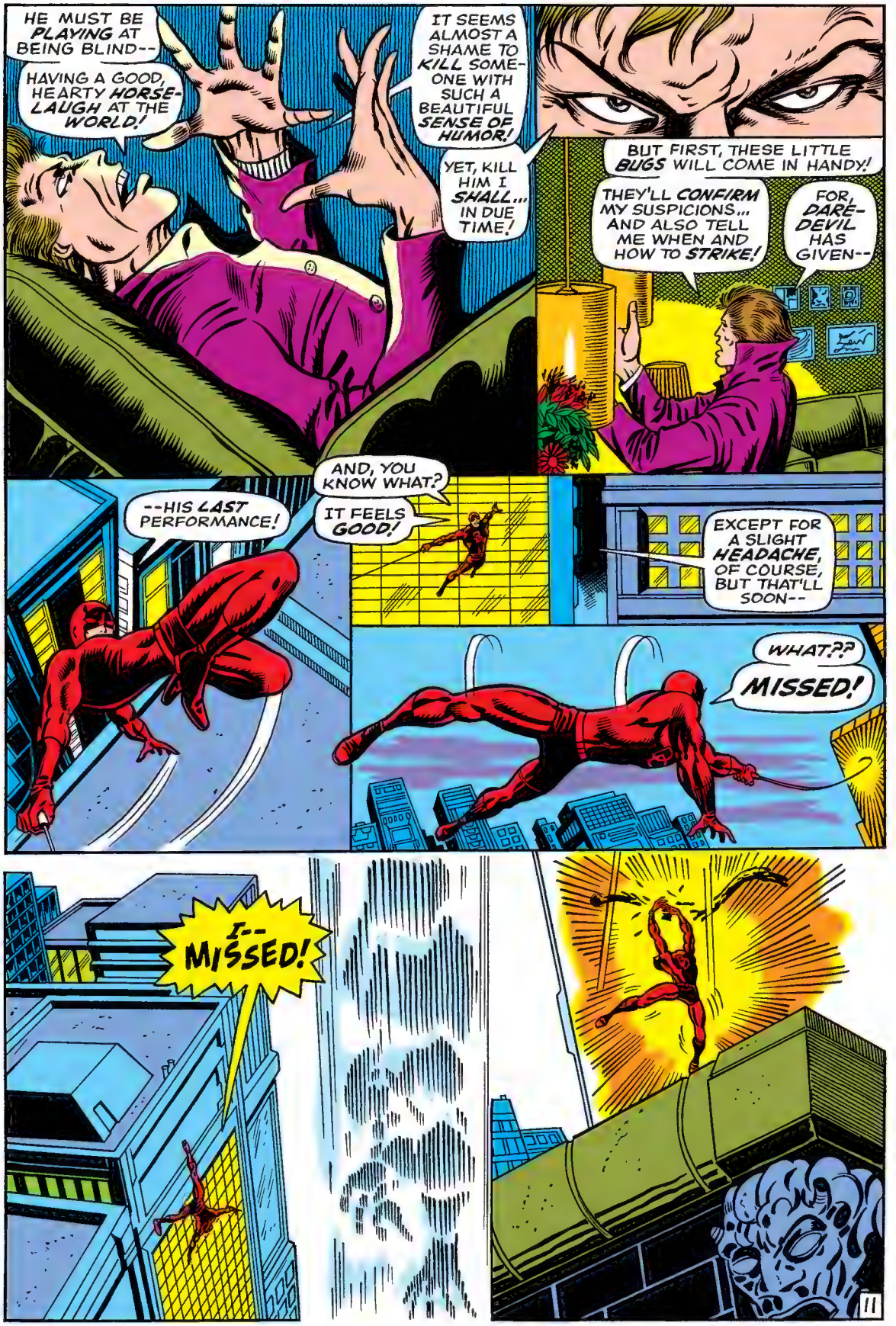
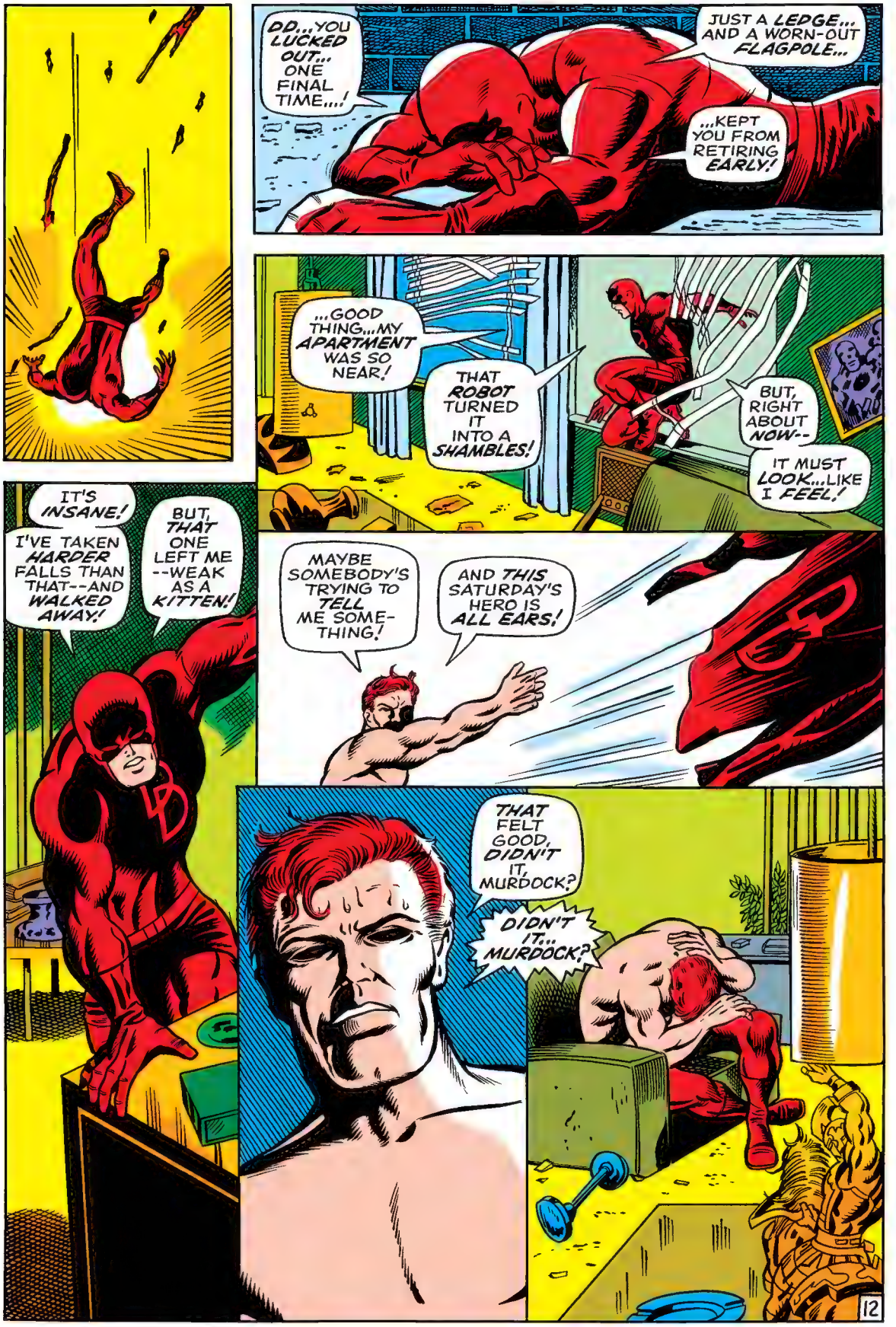

HE MUST BE PLAYING AT BEING BLIND--
HAVING A GOOD, HEARTY HORSE-LAUGH AT THE WORLD!
IT SEEMS ALMOST A SHAME TO KILL SOME-ONE WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SENSE OF HUMOR!
YET, KILL HIM I SHALL... IN DUE TIME!
BUT FIRST, THESE LITTLE BUGS WILL COME IN HANDY!
THEY'LL CONFIRM MY SUSPICIONS... AND ALSO TELL ME WHEN AND HOW TO STRIKE!
FOR, DARE-DEVIL HAS GIVEN--
--HIS LAST PERFORMANCE!
AND, YOU KNOW WHAT?
IT FEELS GOOD!
EXCEPT FOR A SLIGHT HEADACHE, OF COURSE, BUT THAT'LL SOON--
WHAT??
MISSED!
I--
MISSED!


DD...YOU LUCKED OUT... ONE FINAL TIME...!
JUST A LEDGE... AND A WORN-OUT FLAGPOLE...
...KEPT YOU FROM RETIRING EARLY!
...GOOD THING...MY APARTMENT WAS SO NEAR!
THAT ROBOT TURNED IT INTO A SHAMBLES!
BUT, RIGHT ABOUT NOW--
IT MUST LOOK...LIKE I FEEL!
IT'S INSANE!
I'VE TAKEN HARDER FALLS THAN THAT--AND WALKED AWAY!
BUT, THAT ONE LEFT ME --WEAK AS A KITTEN!
MAYBE SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO TELL ME SOME-THING!
AND THIS SATURDAY'S HERO IS ALL EARS!
THAT FELT GOOD, DIDN'T IT, MURDOCK?
DIDN'T IT... MURDOCK?
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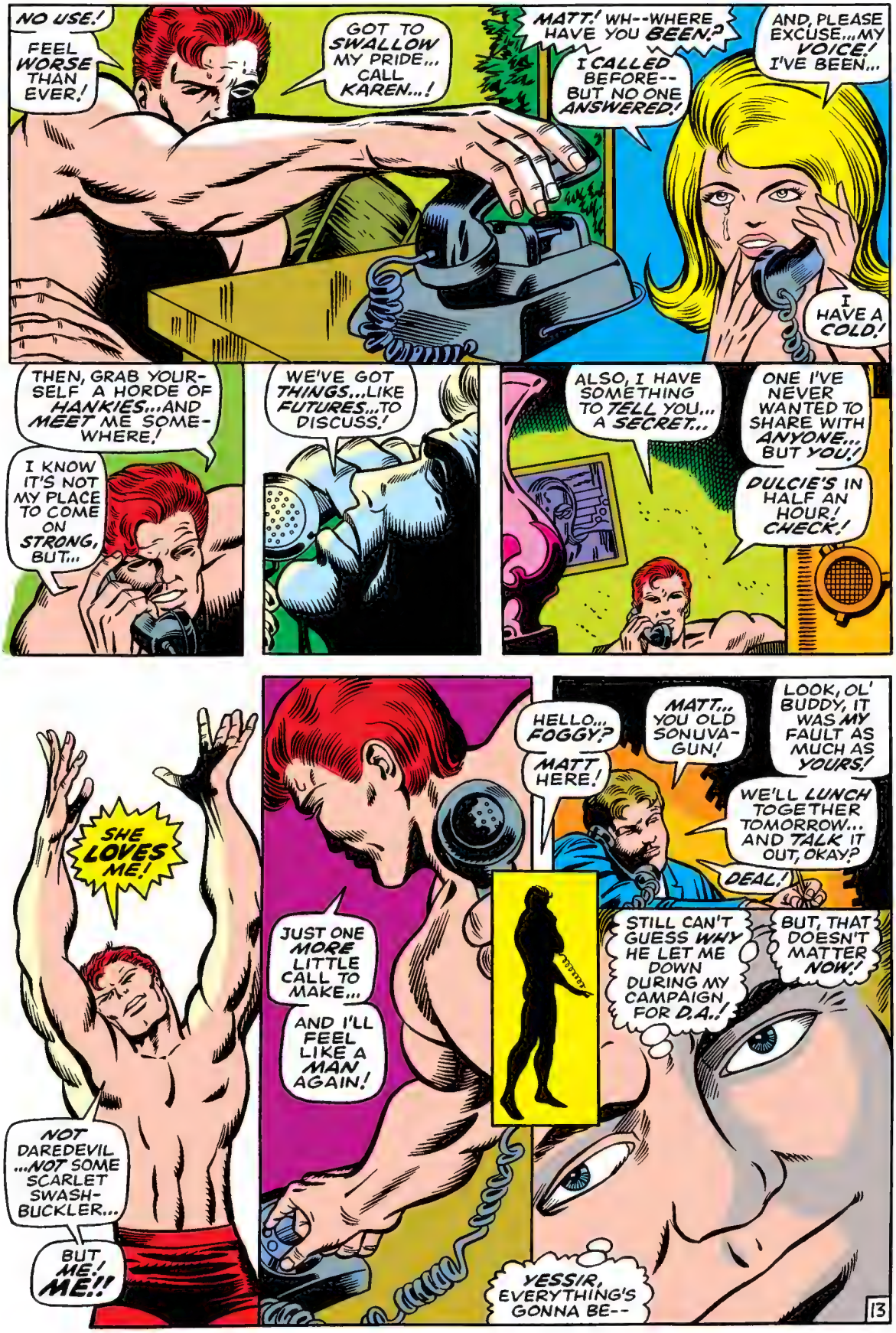
NO USE!
FEEL WORSE THAN EVER!
GOT TO SWALLOW MY PRIDE... CALL KAREN...!
MATT! WH--WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I CALLED BEFORE-- BUT NO ONE ANSWERED!
AND, PLEASE EXCUSE...MY VOICE! I'VE BEEN...
I HAVE A COLD!
THEN, GRAB YOURSELF A HORDE OF HANKIES...AND MEET ME SOMEWHERE!
I KNOW IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO COME ON STRONG, BUT...
WE'VE GOT THINGS...LIKE FUTURES...TO DISCUSS!
ALSO, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU... A SECRET...
ONE I'VE NEVER WANTED TO SHARE WITH ANYONE... BUT YOU!
DULCIE'S IN HALF AN HOUR! CHECK!
SHE LOVES ME!
NOT DAREDEVIL ...NOT SOME SCARLET SWASHBUCKLER...
BUT, ME! ME!!
JUST ONE MORE LITTLE CALL TO MAKE...
AND I'LL FEEL LIKE A MAN AGAIN!
HELLO... FOGGY?
MATT HERE!
MATT... YOU OLD SONUVAGUN!
LOOK, OL' BUDDY, IT WAS MY FAULT AS MUCH AS YOURS!
WE'LL LUNCH TOGETHER TOMORROW... AND TALK IT OUT, OKAY?
DEAL!
STILL CAN'T GUESS WHY HE LET ME DOWN DURING MY CAMPAIGN FOR D.A.!
BUT, THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW!
YESSIR, EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE--
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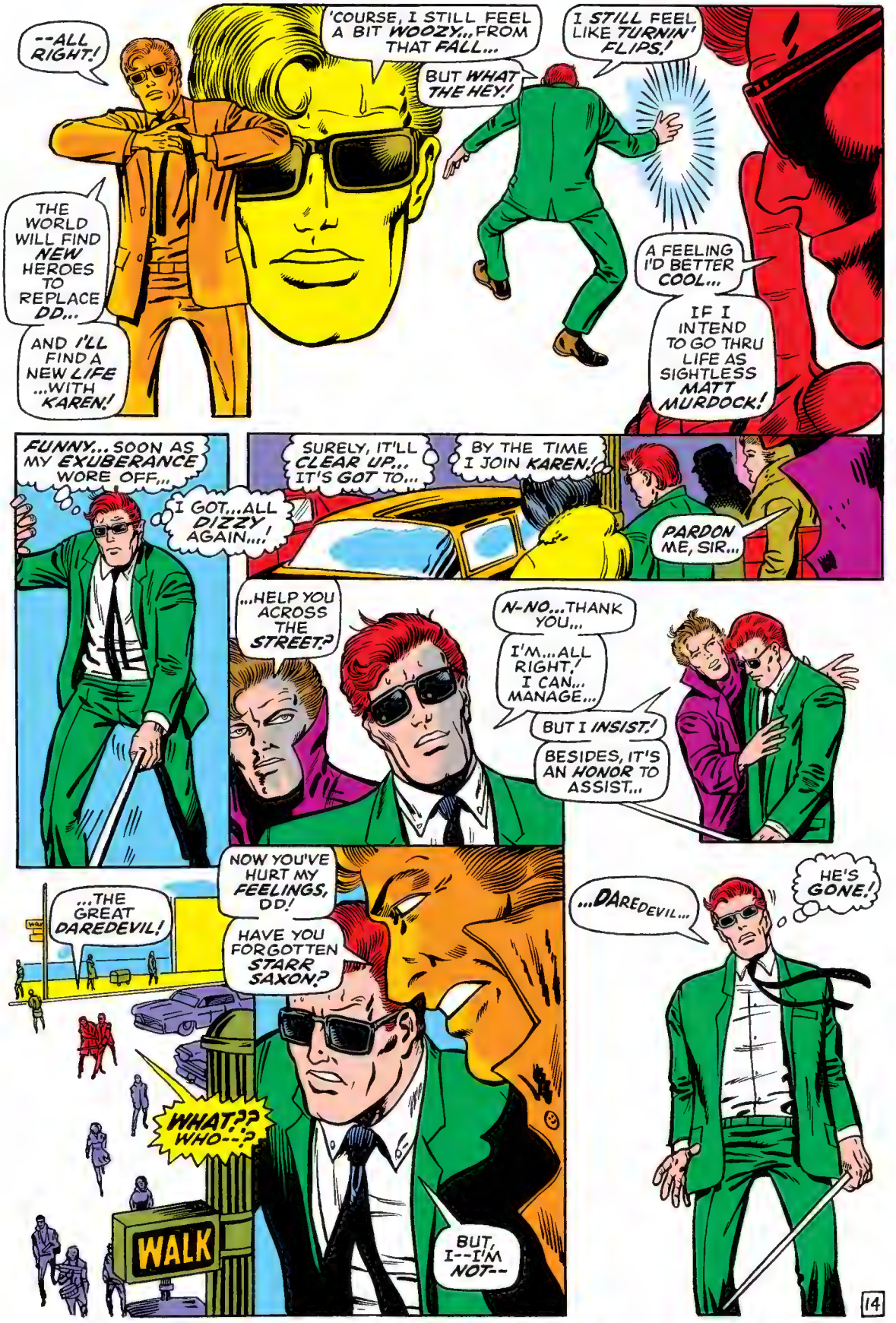
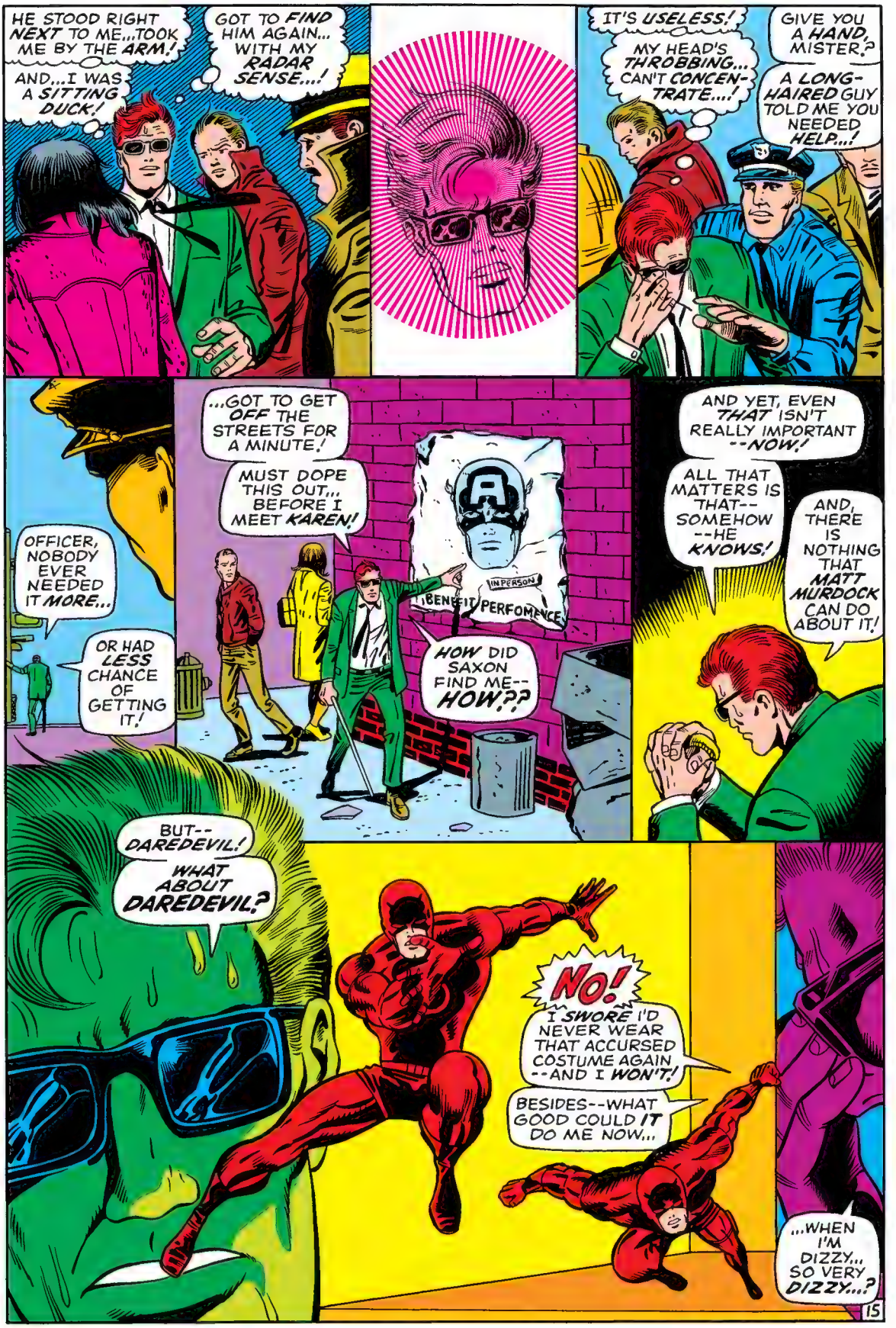
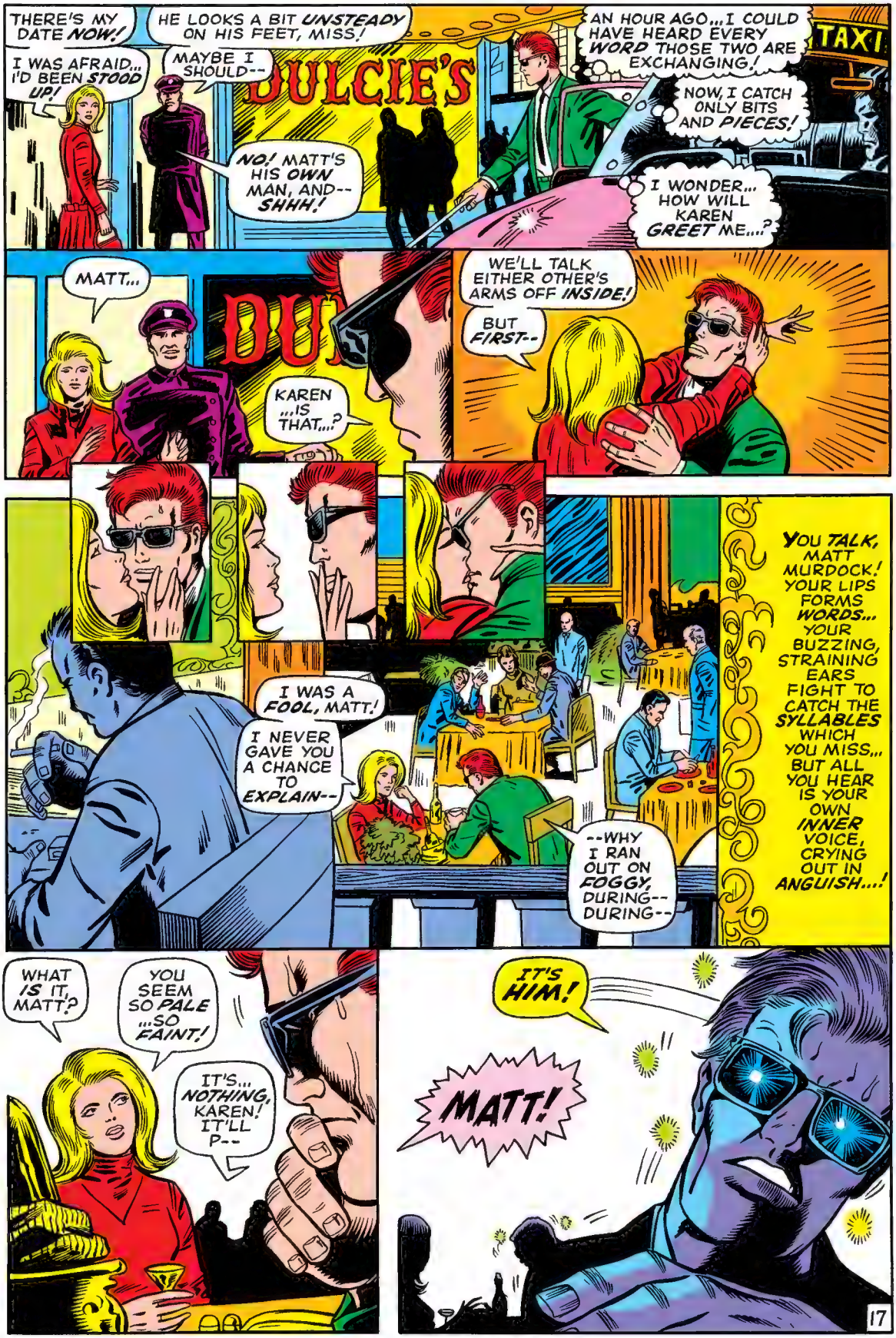
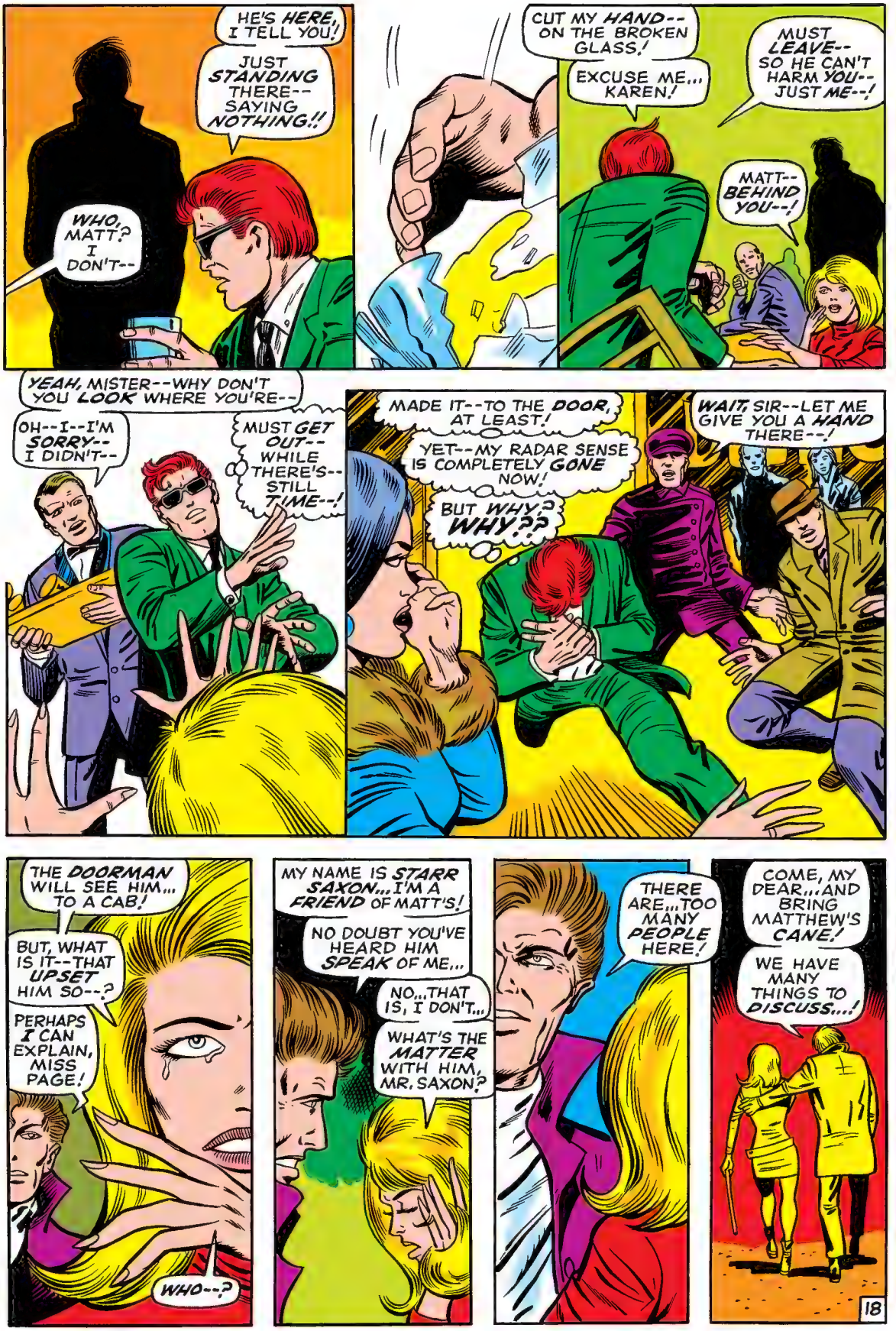

--ALL RIGHT!
'COURSE, I STILL FEEL A BIT WOOZY... FROM THAT FALL...
BUT WHAT THE HEY!
I STILL FEEL LIKE TURNIN' FLIPS!
THE WORLD WILL FIND NEW HEROES TO REPLACE DD...
AND I'LL FIND A NEW LIFE ...WITH KAREN!
A FEELING I'D BETTER COOL...
IF I INTEND TO GO THRU LIFE AS SIGHTLESS MATT MURDOCK!
FUNNY... SOON AS MY EXUBERANCE WORE OFF...
I GOT...ALL DIZZY AGAIN...!
SURELY, IT'LL CLEAR UP... IT'S GOT TO...
BY THE TIME I JOIN KAREN!
PARDON ME, SIR...
...HELP YOU ACROSS THE STREET?
N-NO...THANK YOU...
I'M...ALL RIGHT, I CAN... MANAGE...
BUT I INSIST!
BESIDES, IT'S AN HONOR TO ASSIST...
...THE GREAT DAREDEVIL!
NOW YOU'VE HURT MY FEELINGS, DD!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN STARR SAXON?
WHAT?? WHO--?
WALK
BUT, I--I'M NOT--
...DAREDEVIL...
HE'S GONE!


HE STOOD RIGHT NEXT TO ME...TOOK ME BY THE ARM!
AND...I WAS A SITTING DUCK!
GOT TO FIND HIM AGAIN... WITH MY RADAR SENSE...!
IT'S USELESS!
MY HEAD'S THROBBING... CAN'T CONCENTRATE...!
GIVE YOU A HAND, MISTER?
A LONG-HAIRED GUY TOLD ME YOU NEEDED HELP...!
OFFICER, NOBODY EVER NEEDED IT MORE...
OR HAD LESS CHANCE OF GETTING IT!
...GOT TO GET OFF THE STREETS FOR A MINUTE!
MUST DOPE THIS OUT... BEFORE I MEET KAREN!
IN PERSON!
BENEFIT PERFOMENCE
HOW DID SAXON FIND ME-- HOW??
AND YET, EVEN THAT ISN'T REALLY IMPORTANT --NOW!
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT-- SOMEHOW --HE KNOWS!
AND, THERE IS NOTHING THAT MATT MURDOCK CAN DO ABOUT IT!
BUT-- DAREDEVIL!
WHAT ABOUT DAREDEVIL?
NO!
I SWORE I'D NEVER WEAR THAT ACCURSED COSTUME AGAIN --AND I WON'T!
BESIDES--WHAT GOOD COULD IT DO ME NOW...
...WHEN I'M DIZZY... SO VERY DIZZY...?

"AND THRU IT ALL, I SEE A FACE...THE FACE OF MATT MURDOCK'S MOST BITTER FOE--MOST DEADLY ENEMY!"
"YES--I SEE HIM, TOO--THE MAN CALLED STARR SAXON!"
"NO--SAXON IS THERE...BUT THERE IS ANOTHER AS WELL! I SEE HIM NOW... SEE HIS FEATURES CONGEALING BEFORE ME..."
"WHO IS IT? WHO??"
"IT'S-- DAREDEVIL!"


THERE'S MY DATE NOW!
HE LOOKS A BIT UNSTEADY ON HIS FEET, MISS!
I WAS AFRAID... I'D BEEN STOOD UP!
MAYBE I SHOULD--
DULCIE'S
NO! MATT'S HIS OWN MAN, AND-- SHHH!
AN HOUR AGO... I COULD HAVE HEARD EVERY WORD THOSE TWO ARE EXCHANGING!
TAXI
NOW, I CATCH ONLY BITS AND PIECES!
I WONDER... HOW WILL KAREN GREET ME...?
MATT...
KAREN ...IS THAT...?
WE'LL TALK EITHER OTHER'S ARMS OFF INSIDE!
BUT FIRST--
I WAS A FOOL, MATT!
I NEVER GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN--
--WHY I RAN OUT ON FOGGY, DURING-- DURING--
YOU TALK, MATT MURDOCK! YOUR LIPS FORMS WORDS... YOUR BUZZING, STRAINING EARS FIGHT TO CATCH THE SYLLABLES WHICH YOU MISS... BUT ALL YOU HEAR IS YOUR OWN INNER VOICE, CRYING OUT IN ANGUISH...!
WHAT IS IT, MATT?
YOU SEEM SO PALE ...SO FAINT!
IT'S... NOTHING, KAREN! IT'LL P--
IT'S HIM!
MATT!


HE'S HERE, I TELL YOU!
JUST STANDING THERE-- SAYING NOTHING!!
WHO, MATT? I DON'T--
CUT MY HAND-- ON THE BROKEN GLASS!
EXCUSE ME... KAREN!
MUST LEAVE-- SO HE CAN'T HARM YOU-- JUST ME--!
MATT-- BEHIND YOU--!
YEAH, MISTER--WHY DON'T YOU LOOK WHERE YOU'RE--
OH--I--I'M SORRY-- I DIDN'T--
MUST GET OUT-- WHILE THERE'S-- STILL TIME--!
MADE IT--TO THE DOOR, AT LEAST!
YET--MY RADAR SENSE IS COMPLETELY GONE NOW!
BUT WHY? WHY??
WAIT, SIR--LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND THERE--!
THE DOORMAN WILL SEE HIM... TO A CAB!
BUT, WHAT IS IT--THAT UPSET HIM SO--?
PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN, MISS PAGE!
WHO--?
MY NAME IS STARR SAXON... I'M A FRIEND OF MATT'S!
NO DOUBT YOU'VE HEARD HIM SPEAK OF ME...
NO...THAT IS, I DON'T...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM, MR. SAXON?
THERE ARE...TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE!
COME, MY DEAR...AND BRING MATTHEW'S CANE!
WE HAVE MANY THINGS TO DISCUSS...!
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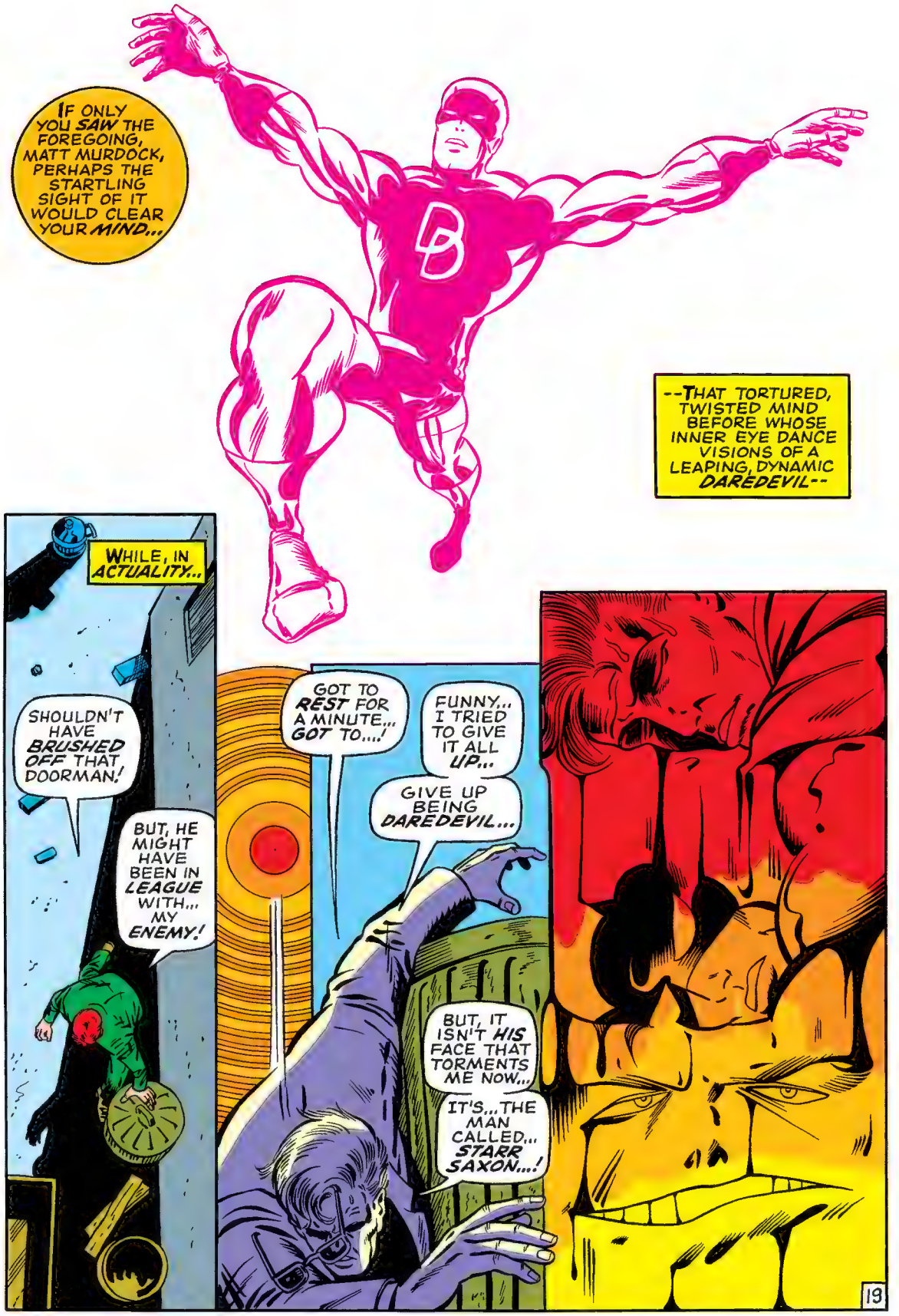
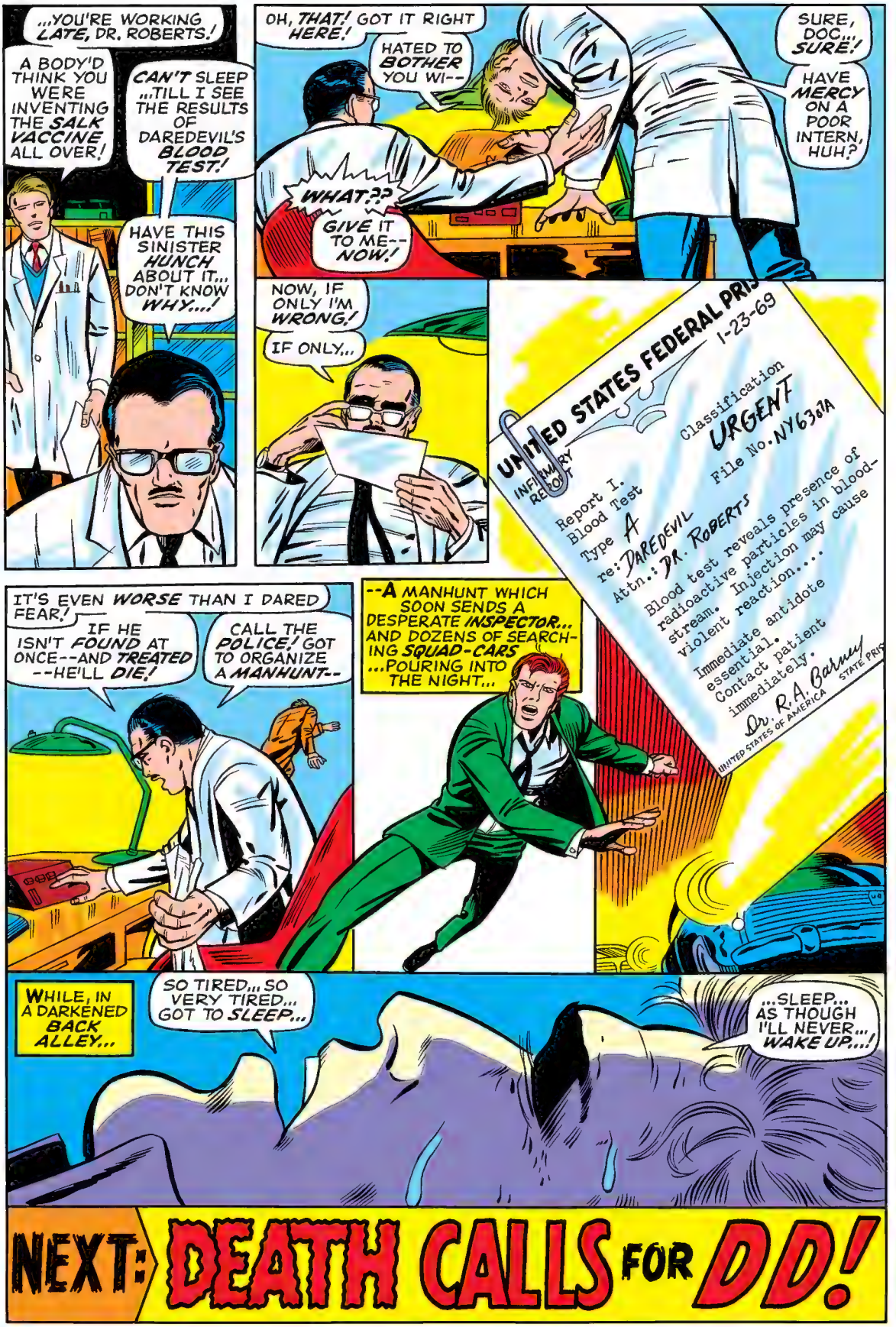

IF ONLY YOU SAW THE FOREGOING, MATT MURDOCK, PERHAPS THE STARTLING SIGHT OF IT WOULD CLEAR YOUR MIND...
--THAT TORTURED, TWISTED MIND BEFORE WHOSE INNER EYE DANCE VISIONS OF A LEAPING, DYNAMIC DAREDEVIL--
WHILE, IN ACTUALITY...
SHOULDN'T HAVE BRUSHED OFF THAT DOORMAN!
BUT, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH... MY ENEMY!
GOT TO REST FOR A MINUTE... GOT TO...!
FUNNY... I TRIED TO GIVE IT ALL UP...
GIVE UP BEING DAREDEVIL...
BUT, IT ISN'T HIS FACE THAT TORMENTS ME NOW...
IT'S... THE MAN CALLED... STARR SAXON...!


...YOU'RE WORKING LATE, DR. ROBERTS!
A BODY'D THINK YOU WERE INVENTING THE SALK VACCINE ALL OVER!
CAN'T SLEEP ...TILL I SEE THE RESULTS OF DAREDEVIL'S BLOOD TEST!
HAVE THIS SINISTER HUNCH ABOUT IT... DON'T KNOW WHY...!
OH, THAT! GOT IT RIGHT HERE!
HATED TO BOTHER YOU WI--
WHAT?!?
GIVE IT TO ME-- NOW!
SURE, DOC... SURE!
HAVE MERCY ON A POOR INTERN, HUH?
NOW, IF ONLY I'M WRONG!
IF ONLY...
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re: DAREDEVIL
Attn.: DR. ROBERTS
Blood test reveals presence of radioactive particles in blood-stream. Injection may cause violent reaction....
Immediate antidote essential. Contact patient immediately.
Dr. R.A. Barney
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE PRIS
IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN I DARED FEAR!
IF HE ISN'T FOUND AT ONCE--AND TREATED --HE'LL DIE!
CALL THE POLICE! GOT TO ORGANIZE A MANHUNT--
--A MANHUNT WHICH SOON SENDS A DESPERATE INSPECTOR... AND DOZENS OF SEARCH-ING SQUAD-CARS ...POURING INTO THE NIGHT...
WHILE, IN A DARKENED BACK ALLEY...
SO TIRED... SO VERY TIRED... GOT TO SLEEP...
...SLEEP... AS THOUGH I'LL NEVER... WAKE UP...!
NEXT: DEATH CALLS FOR DD!

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HERE COMES...
DAREDEVIL
THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
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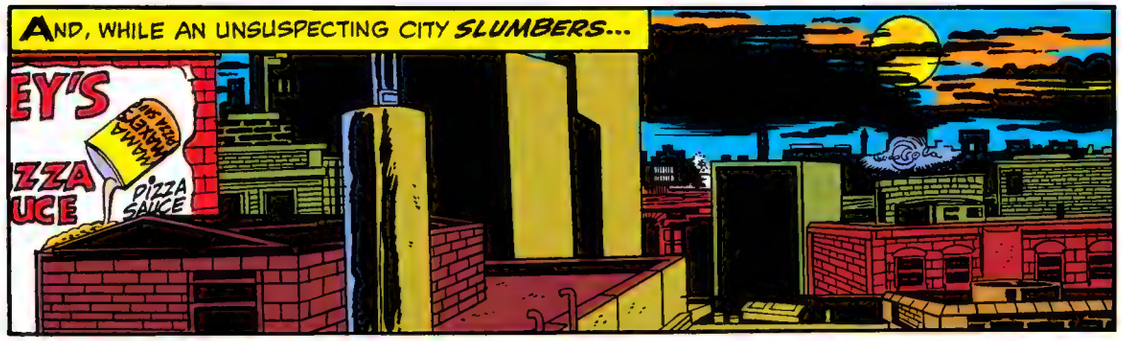
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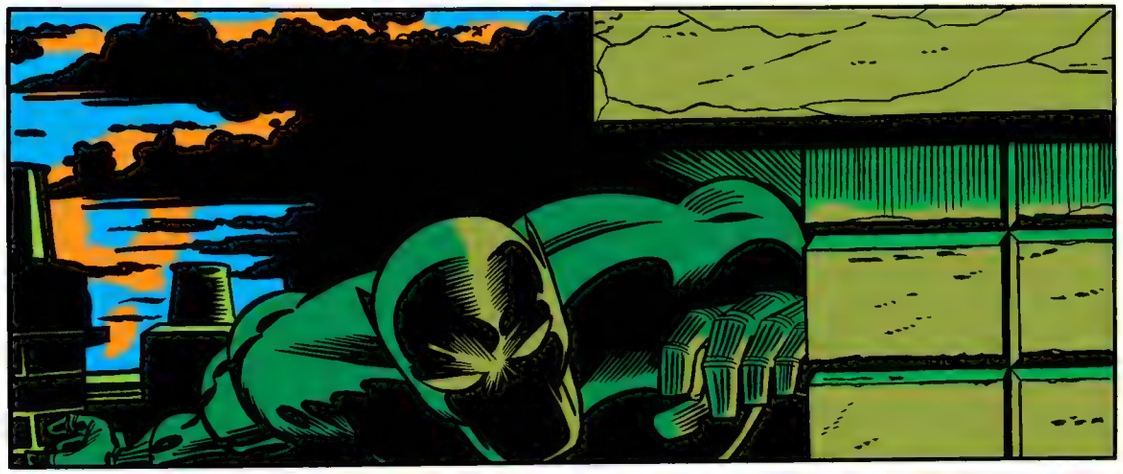
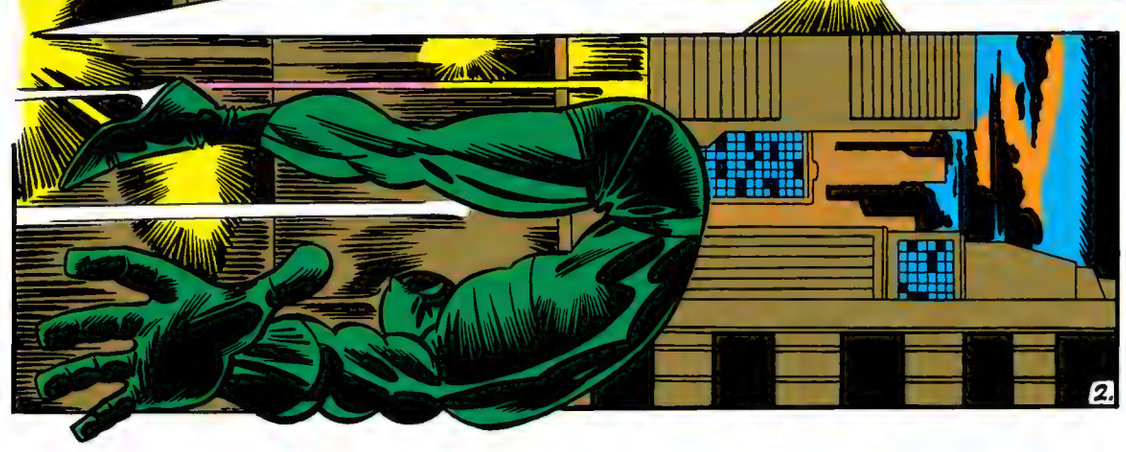
MAMA MARY'S PIZZA SAUCE

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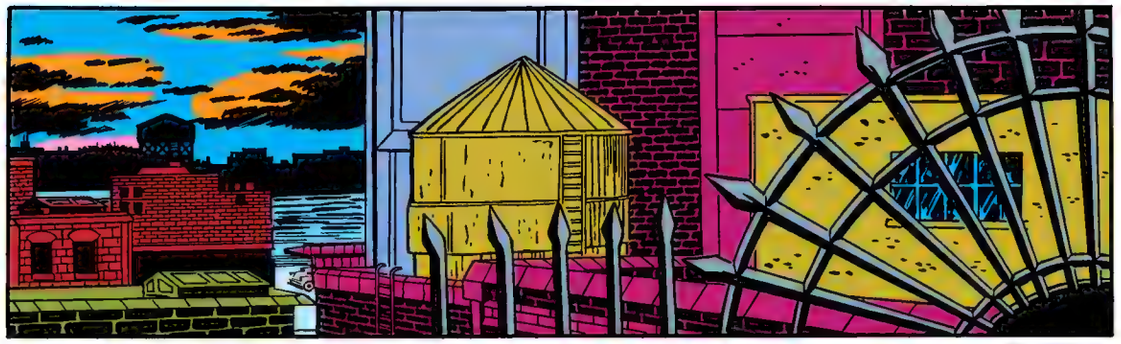

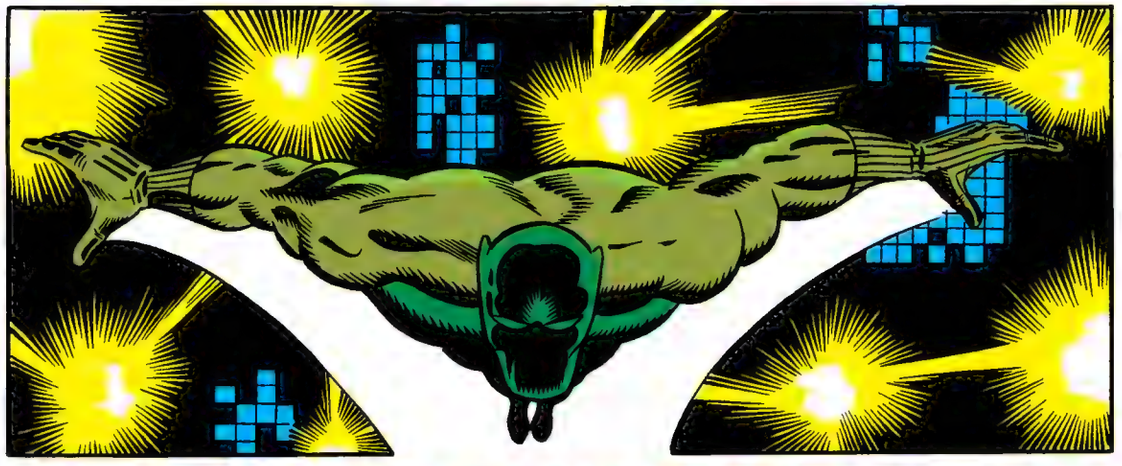

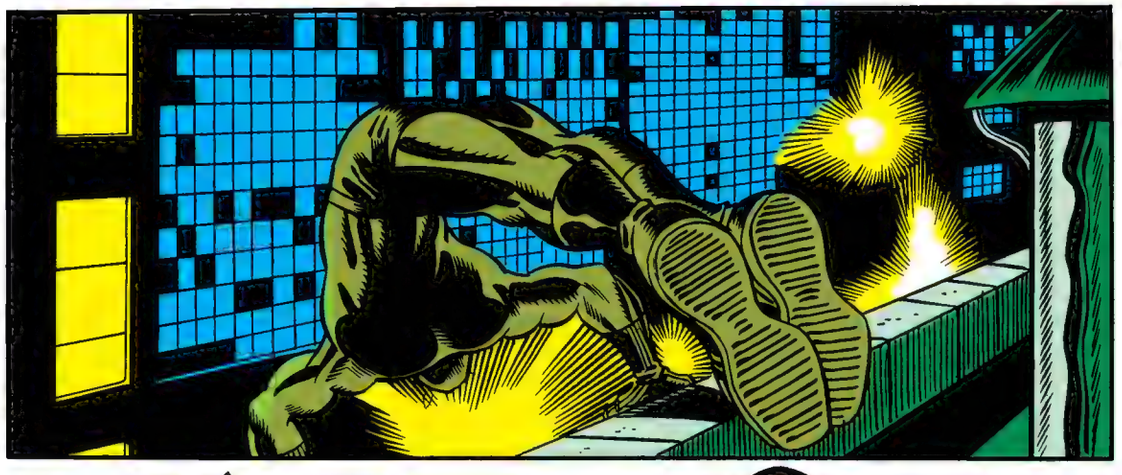

IT'S HIM!!
3.

DON'T JUMP THE GUN, CHARLIE!
THAT'S NOT DD AT ALL!
IT'S ONE OF THE AVENGERS..
...THE ONE CALLED... THE BLACK PANTHER!
IF THAT IS SETTLED, OFFICER...
YOUR FLASHLIGHT, PLEASE!
SORRY, AVENGER!
THAT'S BETTER!
I PREFER DARKNESS ...TO LIGHT!
NOW, IF YOU WILL TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...?
I'M FRANKLIN NELSON, D.A...
DD WAS WOUNDED EARLIER... GIVEN A BLOOD TEST!
BUT, HE DIDN'T WAIT FOR ITS RESULTS...
WHICH SHOWED HE HAD A VIOLENT REACTION TO IT!
THE DOCTORS SAY HE MUST BE FOUND... AND FAST...
OR HE'S A DEAD MAN!
I REALIZE YOU DON'T KNOW HIM... NEVER MET HIM...
BUT... WILL YOU HELP US?
A MOMENT'S SILENCE, AMIDST THE FALLING SNOW...AND THEN...
HE NEVER SAID A WORD!
BUT, HIS EYES GAVE ME MY ANSWER!
THEY WERE THE EYES OF... A MAN!
4.

I'M AWARE OF HOW SIMILAR IS MY SILHOUETTE TO DAREDEVIL'S!
I WONDER... ARE THERE ANY OTHER SIMILARITIES?
CAN HE PERHAPS SEE IN THE DARK, AS I CAN?
OR HAS HE NO SUPER-POWERS AT ALL?
BUT, PERHAPS I SHALL LEARN THAT... IF AND WHEN I FIND HIM!
THIS IS THE PANTHER ...CALLING AVENGERS HQ...!
YELLOW-JACKET HERE, T'CHALLA!
ANY LUCK YET, LOCATING OUR BOY HAWKEYE?
IT ISN'T LIKE HIM TO WALK OFF MONITOR DUTY!
NEGATIVE, HANK!
MEANWHILE, I HAVE ANOTHER TASK!
THE HERO CALLED DAREDEVIL IS ALSO AMONG THE MISSING... AND IN MORTAL DANGER!
I HAVE AGREED TO JOIN THE SEARCH FOR HIM!
OVER AND OUT!
WHEW! OUR AFRICAN AVENGER DOESN'T WASTE WORDS!
AN ALL TOO HUMAN FAILING...
AS FAR AS THE VISION IS CONCERNED!
BESIDES TRACKING DOWN OUR WANDERING ARCHER?*
...I REMEMBER READING OF DAREDEVIL'S FRIENDSHIP WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY NELSON...
AND WITH HIS BLIND FORMER LAW-PARTNER... MATTHEW MURDOCK!
DOUBTLESS THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY VISITED MURDOCK...
BUT THEY HAVE NOT THE RESOURCES OF...THE PANTHER!
*OBVIOUSLY, THE ABOVE SEQUENCE OCCURS BETWEEN AVENGERS #63 AND 64!...STAN.
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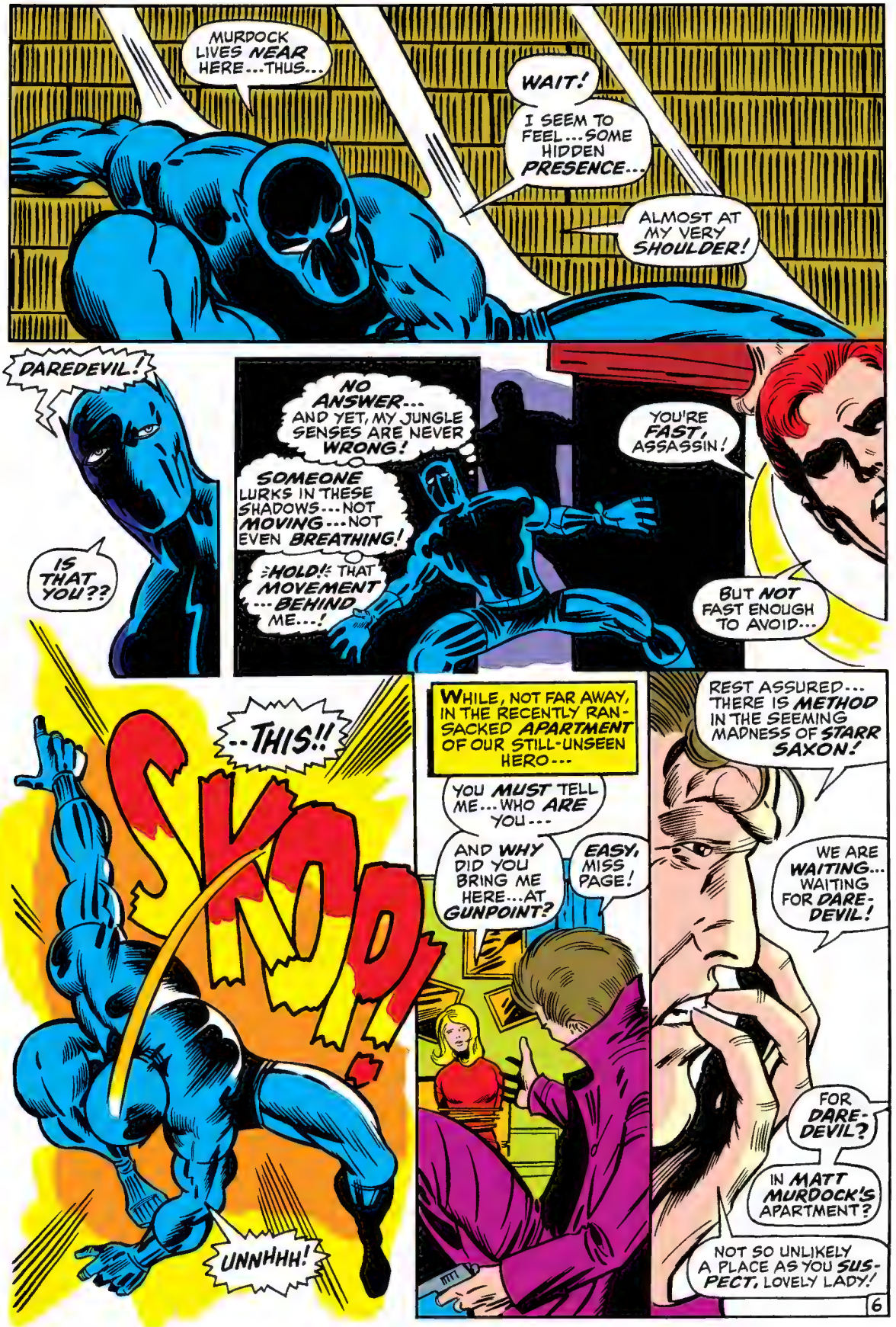
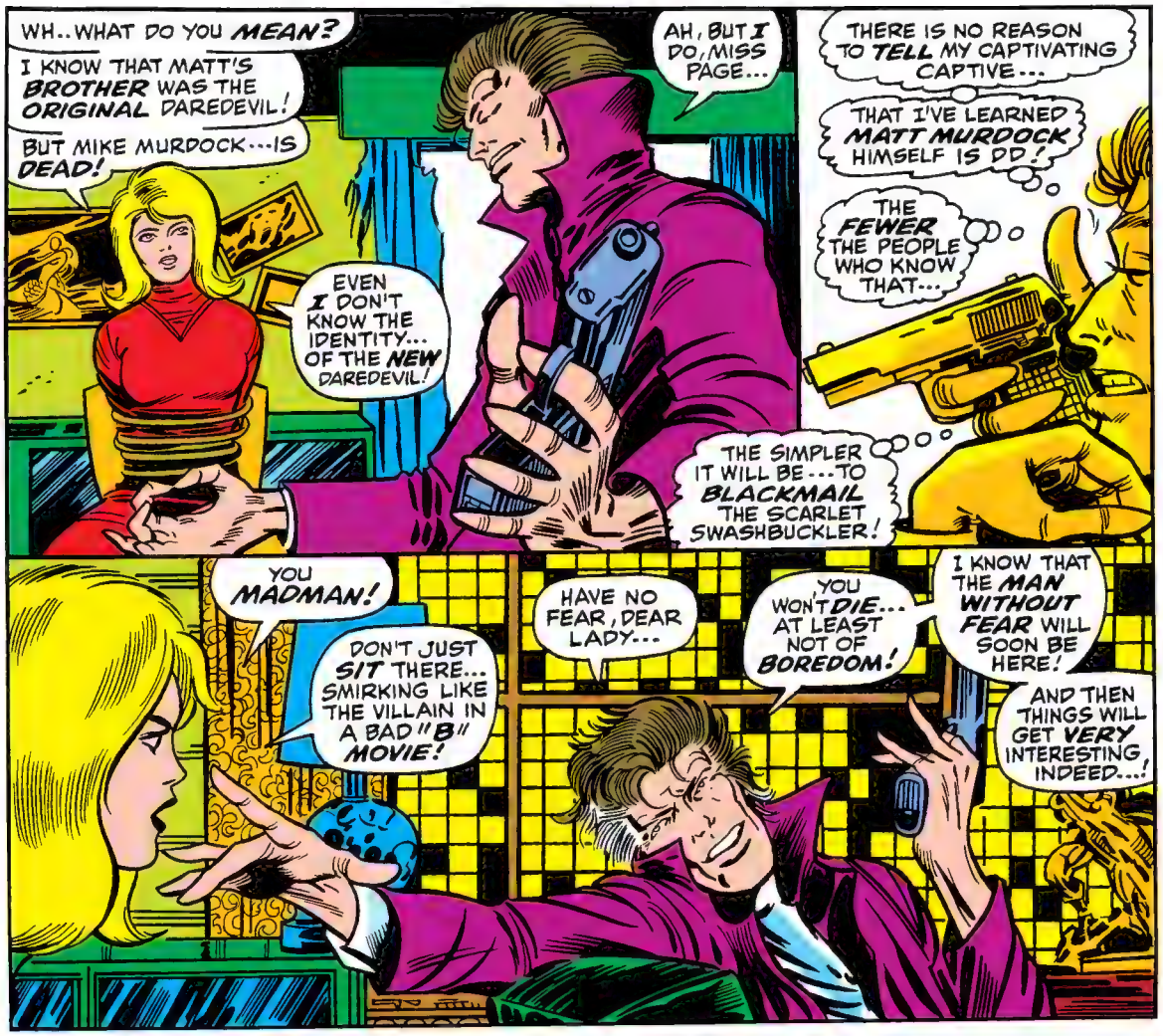
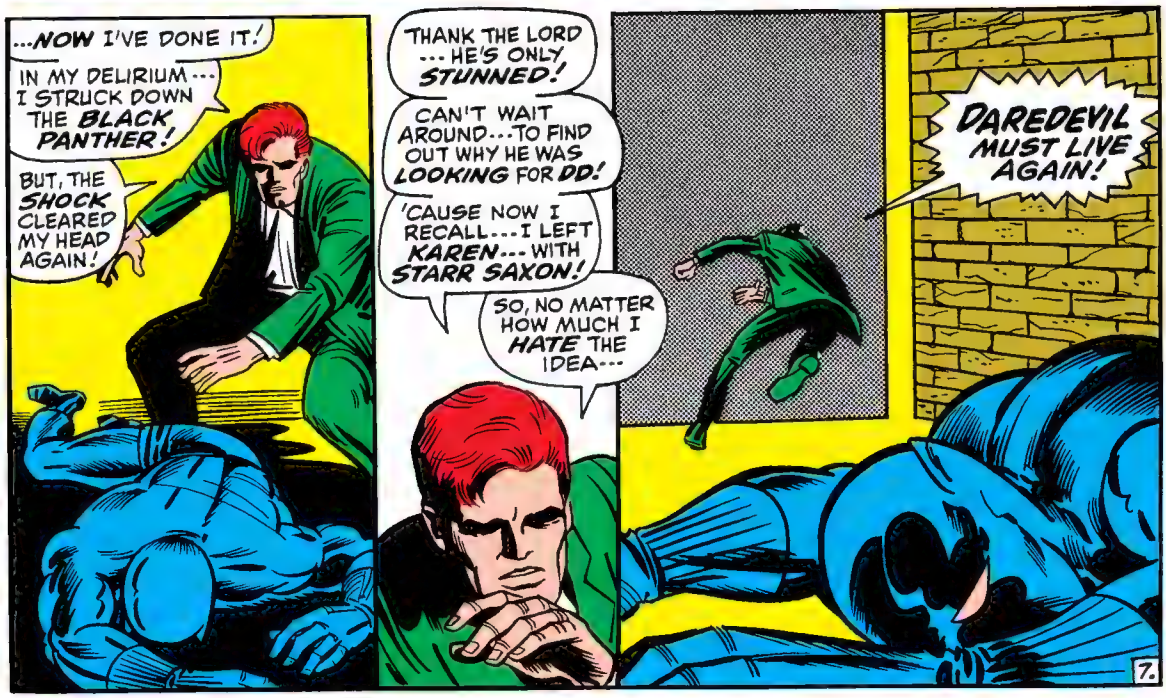
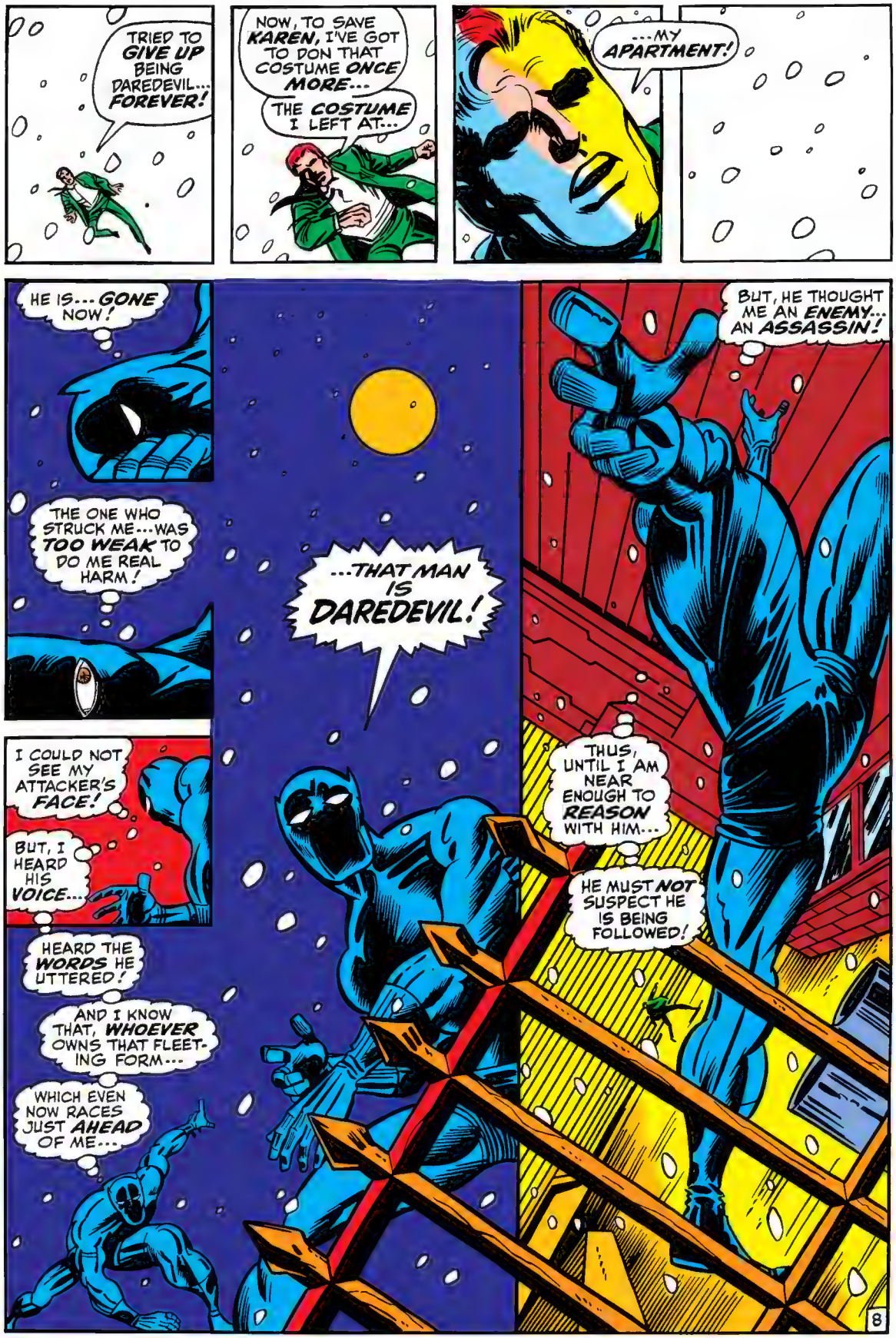

MURDOCK LIVES NEAR HERE...THUS...
WAIT!
I SEEM TO FEEL...SOME HIDDEN PRESENCE...
ALMOST AT MY VERY SHOULDER!
DAREDEVIL!
IS THAT YOU??
NO ANSWER... AND YET, MY JUNGLE SENSES ARE NEVER WRONG!
SOMEONE LURKS IN THESE SHADOWS...NOT MOVING...NOT EVEN BREATHING!
HOLD! THAT MOVEMENT...BEHIND ME...!
YOU'RE FAST, ASSASSIN!
BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO AVOID...
--THIS!!
SKOP!
UNNHHH!
WHILE, NOT FAR AWAY, IN THE RECENTLY RANSACKED APARTMENT OF OUR STILL-UNSEEN HERO...
YOU MUST TELL ME...WHO ARE YOU...
AND WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE...AT GUNPOINT?
EASY, MISS PAGE!
REST ASSURED... THERE IS METHOD IN THE SEEMING MADNESS OF STARR SAXON!
WE ARE WAITING... WAITING FOR DAREDEVIL!
FOR DAREDEVIL?
IN MATT MURDOCK'S APARTMENT?
NOT SO UNLIKELY A PLACE AS YOU SUSPECT, LOVELY LADY!


WH..WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I KNOW THAT MATT'S BROTHER WAS THE ORIGINAL DAREDEVIL!
BUT MIKE MURDOCK---IS DEAD!
EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE IDENTITY... OF THE NEW DAREDEVIL!
AH, BUT I DO, MISS PAGE...
THERE IS NO REASON TO TELL MY CAPTIVATING CAPTIVE---
THAT I'VE LEARNED MATT MURDOCK HIMSELF IS DD!
THE FEWER THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THAT---
THE SIMPLER IT WILL BE---TO BLACKMAIL THE SCARLET SWASHBUCKLER!
YOU MADMAN!
DON'T JUST SIT THERE... SMIRKING LIKE THE VILLAIN IN A BAD "B" MOVIE!
HAVE NO FEAR, DEAR LADY---
YOU WON'T DIE... AT LEAST NOT OF BOREDOM!
I KNOW THAT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR WILL SOON BE HERE!
AND THEN THINGS WILL GET VERY INTERESTING INDEED...!


...NOW I'VE DONE IT!
IN MY DELIRIUM--- I STRUCK DOWN THE BLACK PANTHER!
BUT, THE SHOCK CLEARED MY HEAD AGAIN!
THANK THE LORD --- HE'S ONLY STUNNED!
CAN'T WAIT AROUND---TO FIND OUT WHY HE WAS LOOKING FOR DD!
'CAUSE NOW I RECALL---I LEFT KAREN--- WITH STARR SAXON!
SO, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I HATE THE IDEA---
DAREDEVIL MUST LIVE AGAIN!


TRIED TO GIVE UP BEING DAREDEVIL... FOREVER!
NOW, TO SAVE KAREN, I'VE GOT TO DON THAT COSTUME ONCE MORE...
THE COSTUME I LEFT AT...
...MY APARTMENT!
HE IS... GONE NOW!
THE ONE WHO STRUCK ME... WAS TOO WEAK TO DO ME REAL HARM!
...THAT MAN IS DAREDEVIL!
BUT, HE THOUGHT ME AN ENEMY... AN ASSASSIN!
I COULD NOT SEE MY ATTACKER'S FACE!
BUT, I HEARD HIS VOICE...
THUS, UNTIL I AM NEAR ENOUGH TO REASON WITH HIM...
HE MUST NOT SUSPECT HE IS BEING FOLLOWED!
HEARD THE WORDS HE UTTERED!
AND I KNOW THAT, WHOEVER OWNS THAT FLEETING FORM...
WHICH EVEN NOW RACES JUST AHEAD OF ME...
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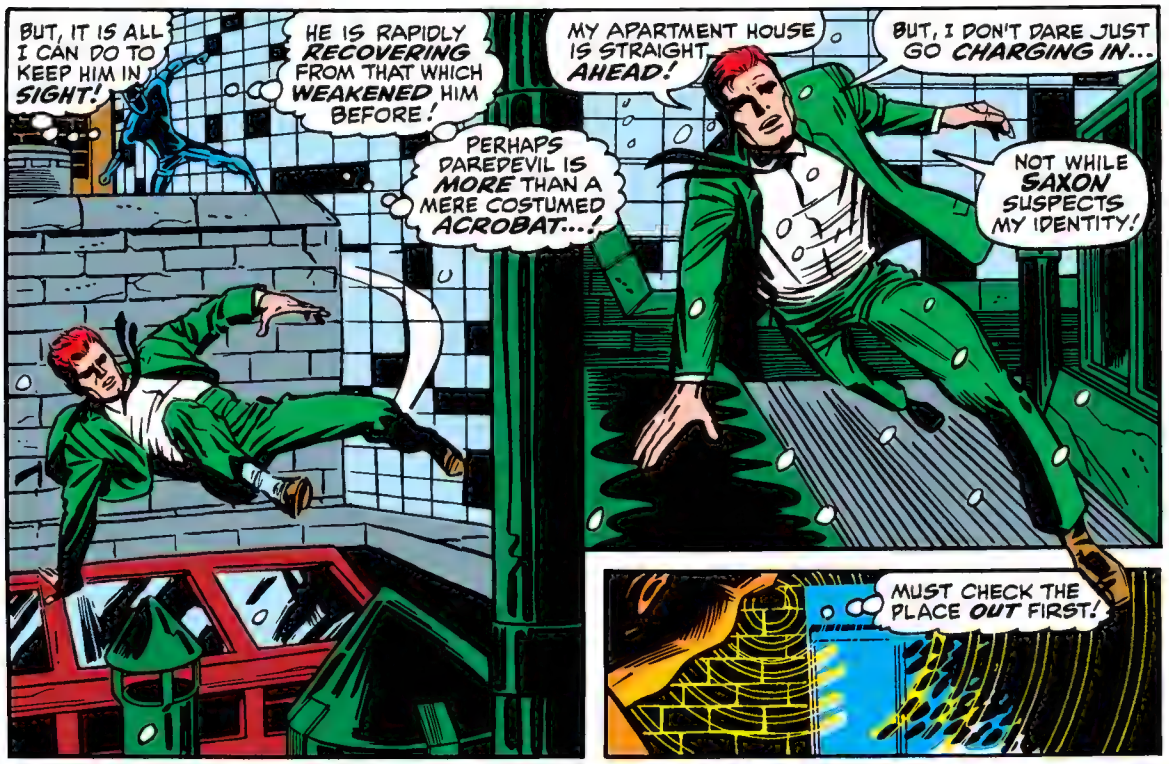
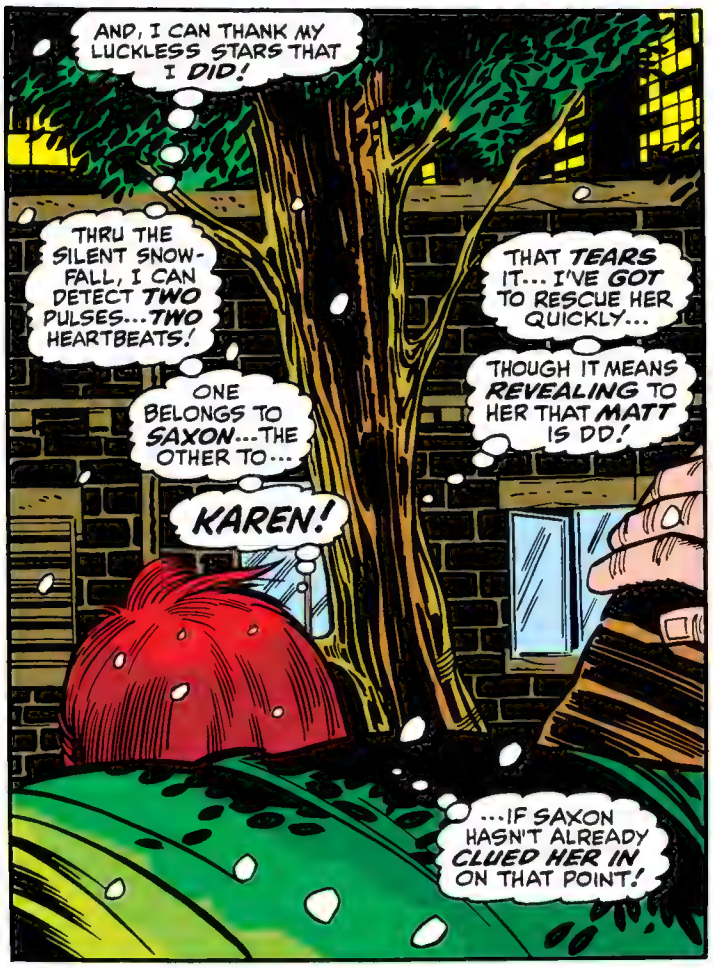
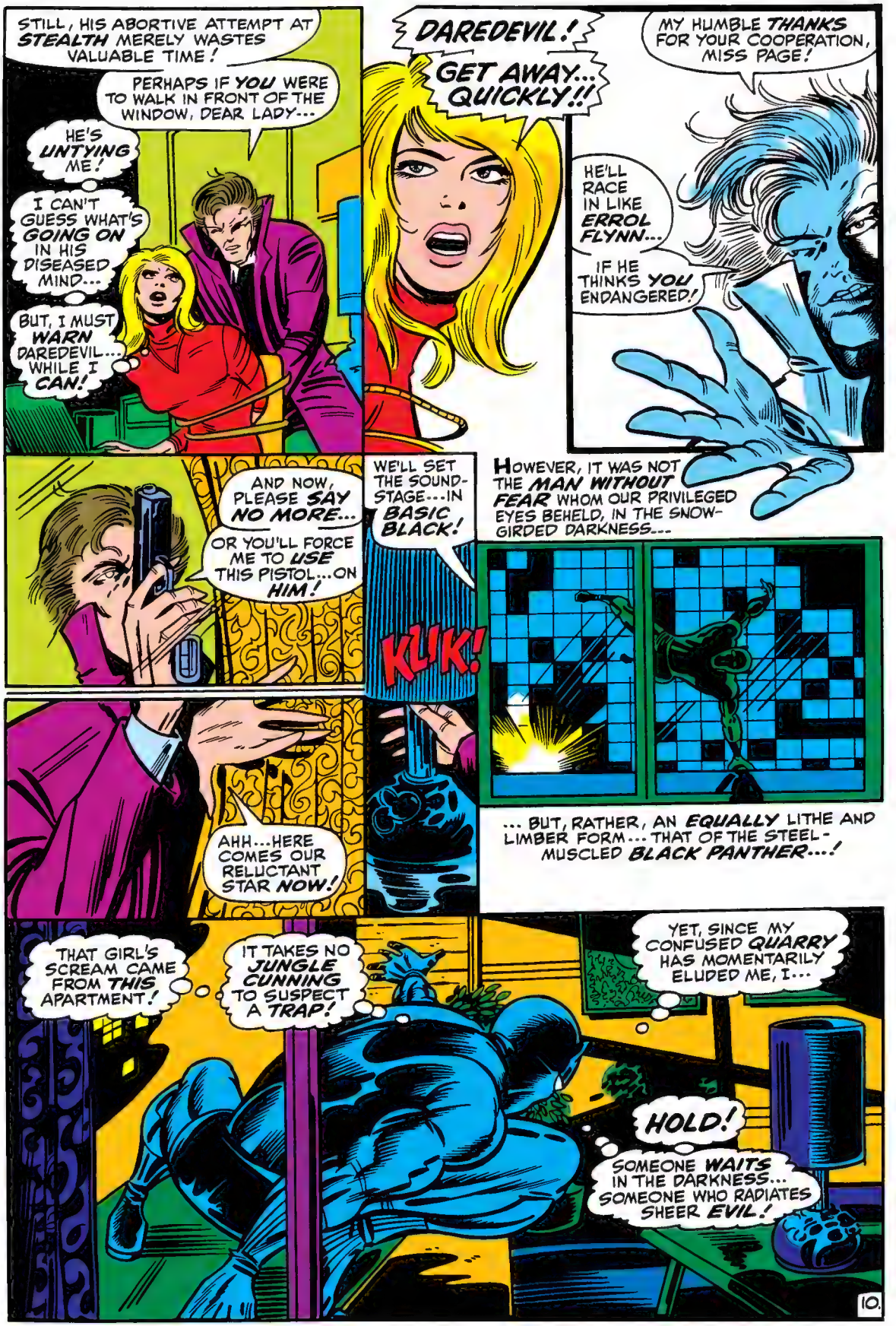

BUT, IT IS ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP HIM IN SIGHT!
HE IS RAPIDLY RECOVERING FROM THAT WHICH WEAKENED HIM BEFORE!
PERHAPS DAREDEVIL IS MORE THAN A MERE COSTUMED ACROBAT...!
MY APARTMENT HOUSE IS STRAIGHT AHEAD!
BUT, I DON'T DARE JUST GO CHARGING IN...
NOT WHILE SAXON SUSPECTS MY IDENTITY!
MUST CHECK THE PLACE OUT FIRST!


AND, I CAN THANK MY LUCKLESS STARS THAT I DID!
THRU THE SILENT SNOW-FALL, I CAN DETECT TWO PULSES...TWO HEARTBEATS!
ONE BELONGS TO SAXON...THE OTHER TO...
KAREN!
THAT TEARS IT... I'VE GOT TO RESCUE HER QUICKLY...
THOUGH IT MEANS REVEALING TO HER THAT MATT IS DD!
...IF SAXON HASN'T ALREADY CLUED HER IN ON THAT POINT!

BUT, EVEN AS OUR SIGHTLESS HERO WEIGHS HIS DILEMMA, THE KEEN EYES OF STARR SAXON PIERCE THE GATHERING DARKNESS---
THAT WITLESS FOOL!
DOES HE THINK I CAN'T SEE HIM OUT THERE...
SKULKING ABOUT LIKE LON CHANEY ...LISTENING... LURKING?


STILL, HIS ABORTIVE ATTEMPT AT STEALTH MERELY WASTES VALUABLE TIME!
PERHAPS IF YOU WERE TO WALK IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW, DEAR LADY---
HE'S UNTYING ME!
I CAN'T GUESS WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS DISEASED MIND...
BUT, I MUST WARN DAREDEVIL... WHILE I CAN!
DAREDEVIL!
GET AWAY... QUICKLY!!
MY HUMBLE THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION, MISS PAGE!
HE'LL RACE IN LIKE ERROL FLYNN...
IF HE THINKS YOU ENDANGERED!
AND NOW, PLEASE SAY NO MORE...
OR YOU'LL FORCE ME TO USE THIS PISTOL...ON HIM!
WE'LL SET THE SOUND-STAGE---IN BASIC BLACK!
KLIK!
HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR WHOM OUR PRIVILEGED EYES BEHELD, IN THE SNOW-GIRDED DARKNESS---
... BUT, RATHER, AN EQUALLY LITHE AND LIMBER FORM... THAT OF THE STEEL-MUSCLED BLACK PANTHER...!
AHH...HERE COMES OUR RELUCTANT STAR NOW!
THAT GIRL'S SCREAM CAME FROM THIS APARTMENT!
IT TAKES NO JUNGLE CUNNING TO SUSPECT A TRAP!
YET, SINCE MY CONFUSED QUARRY HAS MOMENTARILY ELUDED ME, I...
HOLD!
SOMEONE WAITS IN THE DARKNESS... SOMEONE WHO RADIATES SHEER EVIL!
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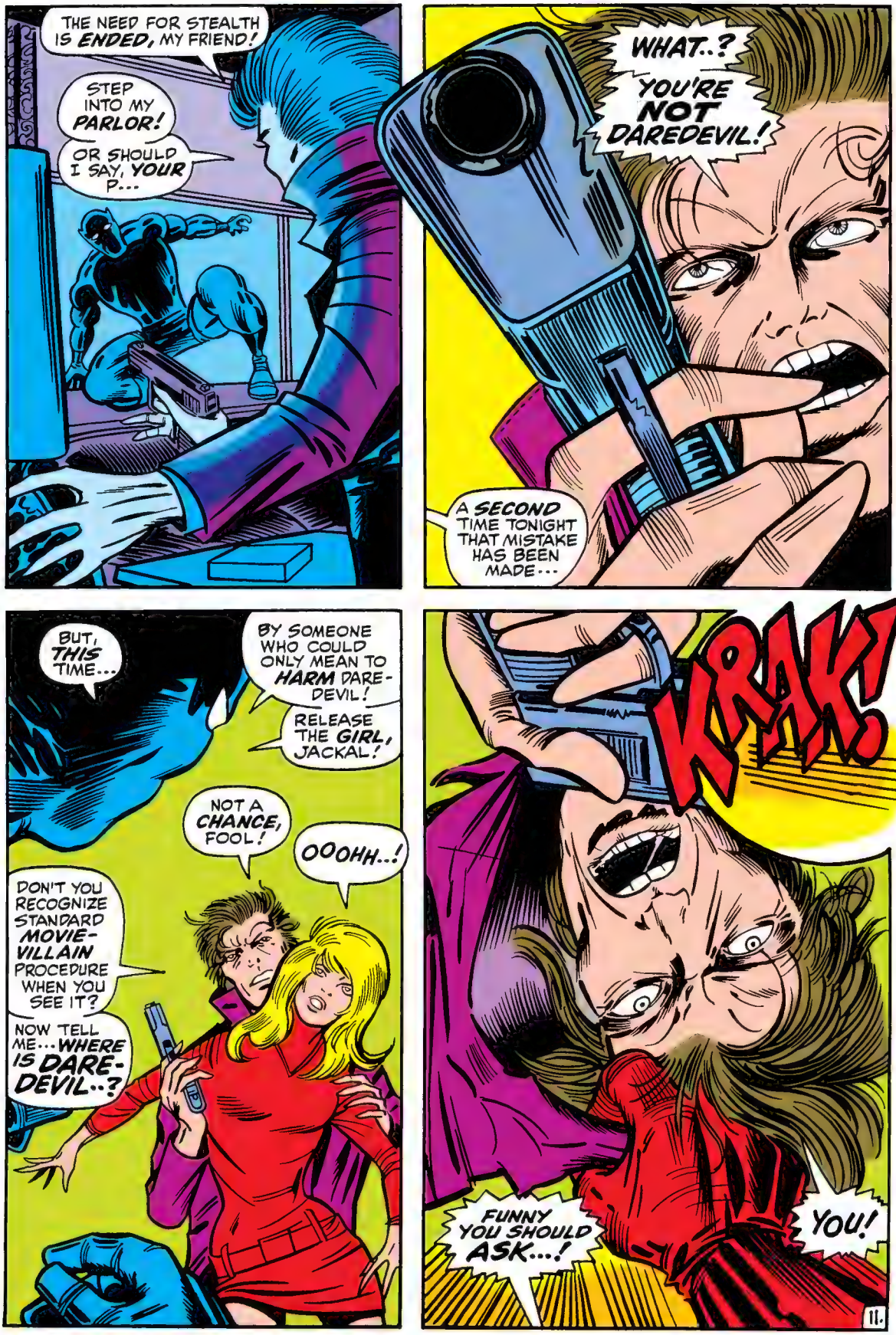
THE NEED FOR STEALTH IS ENDED, MY FRIEND!
STEP INTO MY PARLOR!
OR SHOULD I SAY, YOUR P...
WHAT..?
YOU'RE NOT DAREDEVIL!
A SECOND TIME TONIGHT THAT MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE...
BUT, THIS TIME...
BY SOMEONE WHO COULD ONLY MEAN TO HARM DARE-DEVIL!
RELEASE THE GIRL, JACKAL!
NOT A CHANCE, FOOL!
OOOHH..!
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE STANDARD MOVIE-VILLAIN PROCEDURE WHEN YOU SEE IT?
NOW TELL ME... WHERE IS DARE-DEVIL..?
KRAK!
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...!
YOU!
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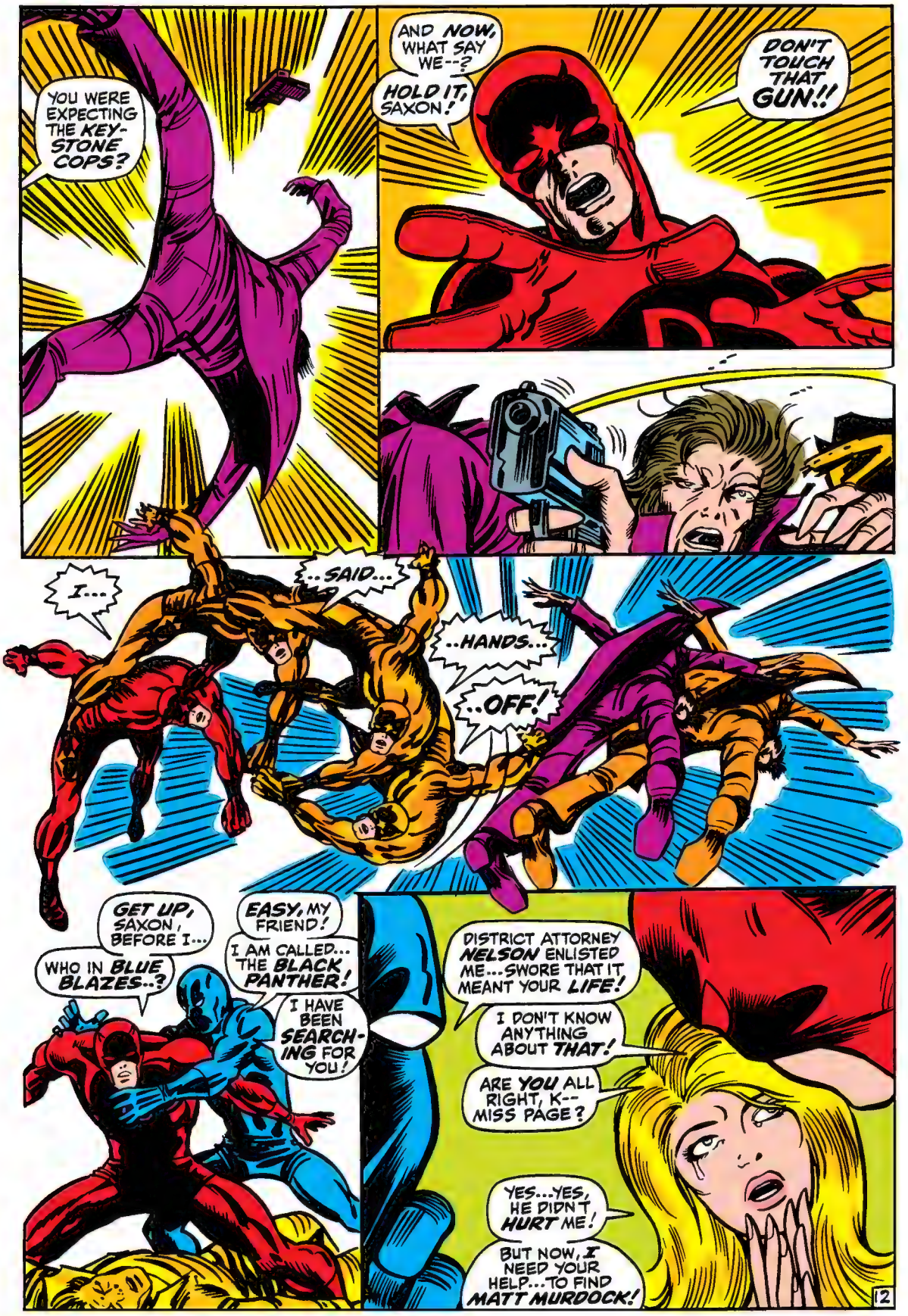
YOU WERE EXPECTING THE KEY-STONE COPS?
AND NOW, WHAT SAY WE--?
HOLD IT, SAXON!
DON'T TOUCH THAT GUN!!
I...
..SAID...
..HANDS...
..OFF!
GET UP, SAXON, BEFORE I...
WHO IN BLUE BLAZES..?
EASY, MY FRIEND!
I AM CALLED... THE BLACK PANTHER!
I HAVE BEEN SEARCH-ING FOR YOU!
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NELSON ENLISTED ME...SWORE THAT IT MEANT YOUR LIFE!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, K--MISS PAGE?
YES...YES, HE DIDN'T HURT ME!
BUT NOW, I NEED YOUR HELP...TO FIND MATT MURDOCK!

HOWEVER, BEFORE THINGS CAN GET EVEN MORE COMPLICATED...
PEEEEEEEEEE
HERE'S MURDOCK'S PLACE!
MAYBE HE'S GOT A LINE ON DAREDEVIL!
HE BETTER HAVE!
THAT PRISON DOC SAID IF WE DON'T FIND DD FAST...
HE'LL BE RIPE FOR A COFFIN!
MATT WASN'T HERE WHEN WE STOPPED BY EARLIER!
HE AND KAREN ARE BOTH AMONG THE MISSING!
MAYBE THEY GOT TOGETHER SOMEWHERE!
A MOMENT LATER, SUCH COMMONPLACE MUSINGS ARE FORGOTTEN...
...WE'LL PREFER CHARGES LATER, OFFICER!
WOW! SOMEBODY REALLY CREAMED THIS PLACE!
THANK THE LORD YOU'RE ALIVE!
DR. ROBERTS WAS CERTAIN YOU'D BE DEAD BY NOW!
NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN, MR. D.A...
BUT, IF IT KEEPS YOUR MIND OFF WHAT DD IS DOING IN MATT'S APARTMENT...
...I'LL PLAY ALONG...!
EH?
I SAID, UP WITH THE SLEEVE, DAREDEVIL!
GOT TO EARN MY KEEP, Y'KNOW!
THIS IS WHAT SAVED YOUR LIFE!
A SIZABLE CUT...ON YOUR RIGHT HAND!
DRAINED OFF JUST ENOUGH BLOOD TO DO THE JOB!
YOUR RECUPERATIVE POWERS ARE...AMAZING!
BUT, HOW'D YOU SLASH YOUR HAND, DD?
IT LOOKS LIKE...
...A GLASS CUT!
GLASS?
MATT CUT HIS HAND ON GLASS...ON A DATE WITH KAREN!
IF SHE BLURTS THAT OUT...!
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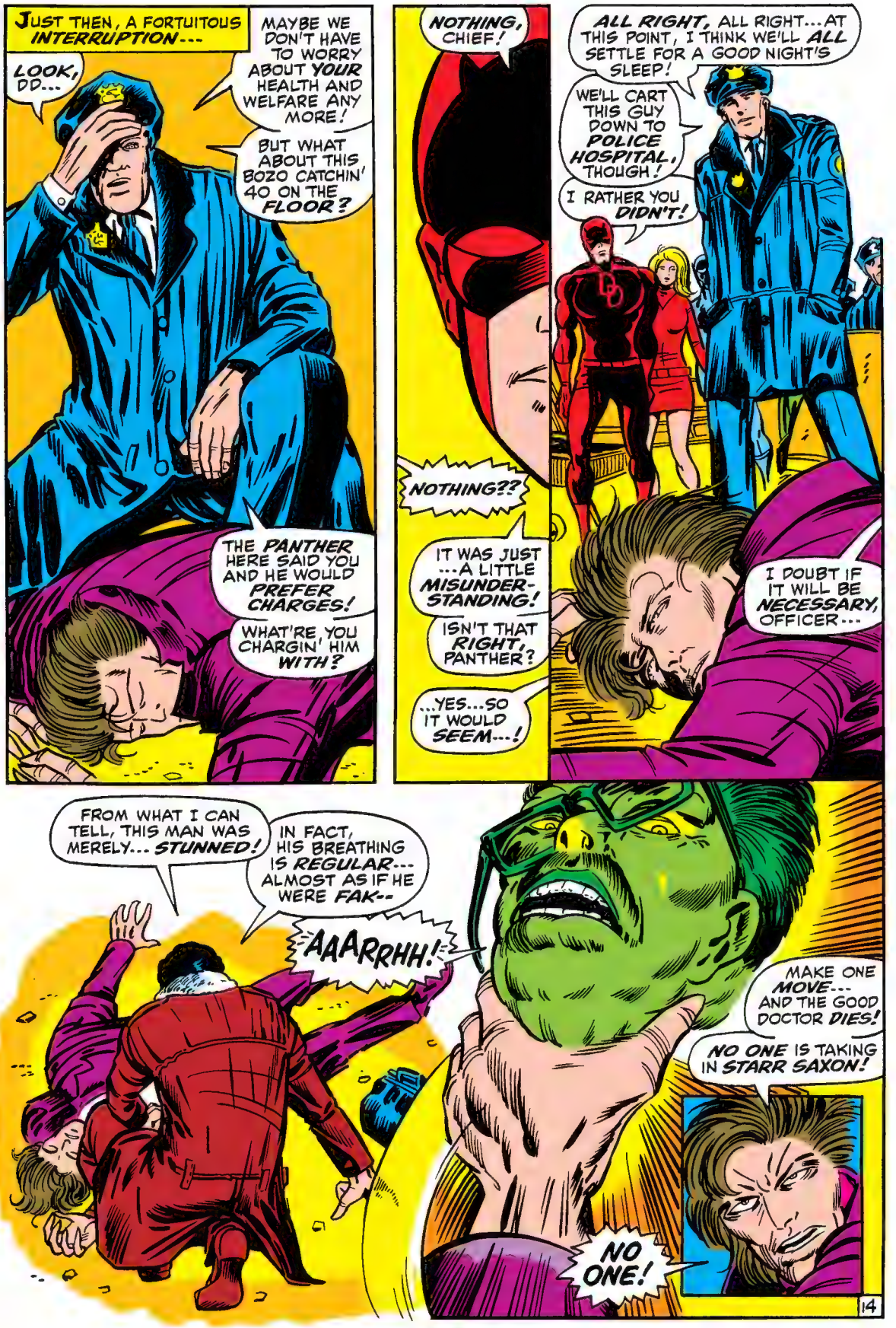
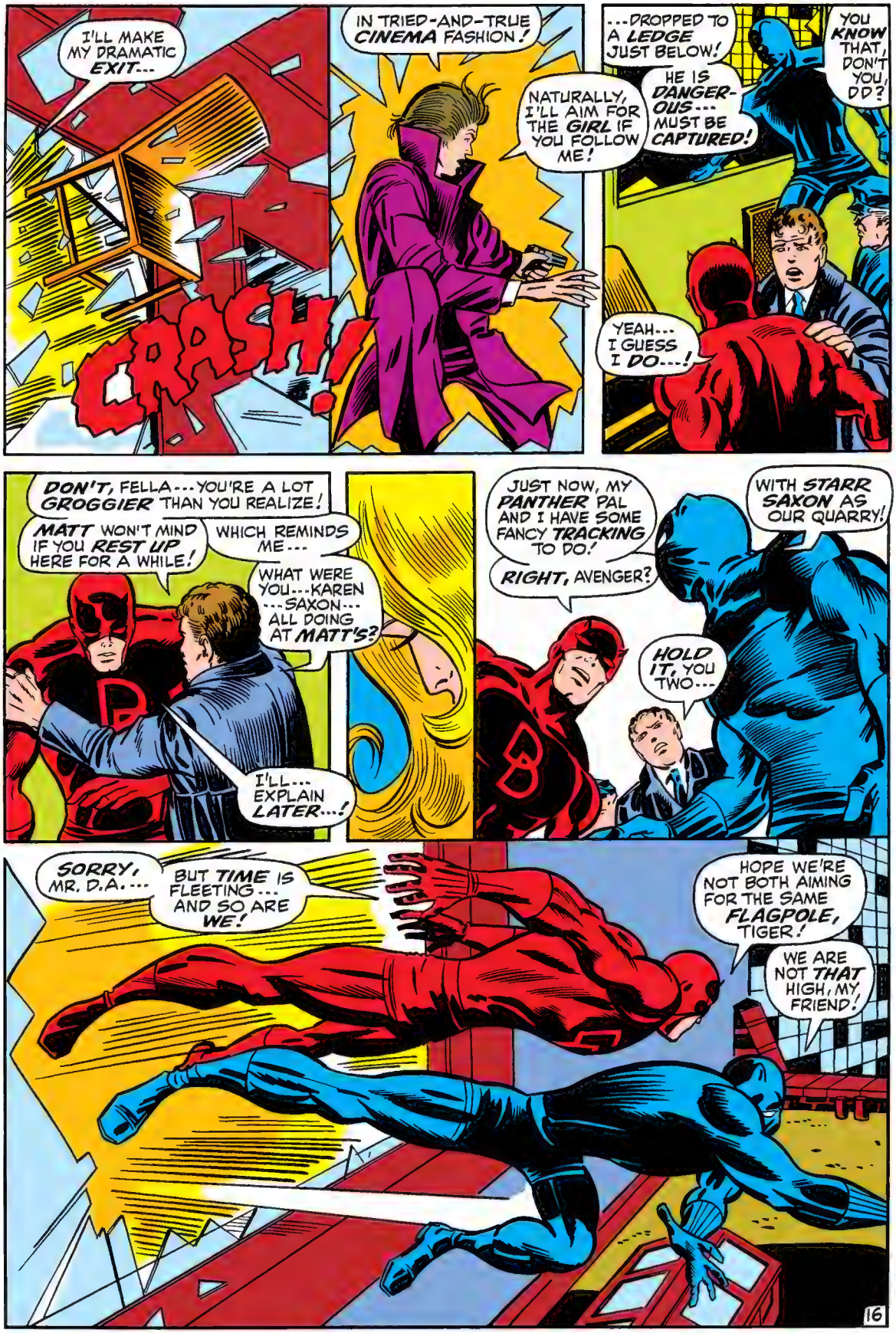

JUST THEN, A FORTUITOUS INTERRUPTION---
LOOK, DD...
MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEALTH AND WELFARE ANY MORE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS BOZO CATCHIN' 40 ON THE FLOOR?
THE PANTHER HERE SAID YOU AND HE WOULD PREFER CHARGES!
WHAT'RE YOU CHARGIN' HIM WITH?
NOTHING, CHIEF!
NOTHING??
IT WAS JUST ---A LITTLE MISUNDER-STANDING!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PANTHER?
...YES...SO IT WOULD SEEM---!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT...AT THIS POINT, I THINK WE'LL ALL SETTLE FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!
WE'LL CART THIS GUY DOWN TO POLICE HOSPITAL, THOUGH!
I RATHER YOU DIDN'T!
I DOUBT IF IT WILL BE NECESSARY, OFFICER...
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, THIS MAN WAS MERELY... STUNNED!
IN FACT, HIS BREATHING IS REGULAR--- ALMOST AS IF HE WERE FAK--
AAARRHH!
MAKE ONE MOVE--- AND THE GOOD DOCTOR DIES!
NO ONE IS TAKING IN STARR SAXON!
NO ONE!

NOT THAT I REALLY NEED A HOSTAGE...
SINCE I HAD FALLEN ON TOP OF MY PISTOL!
HIS GUN!
WE FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
STAY BACK, KAREN!
HE'S GOT AN INSANE GLEAM IN HIS EYE..!
YOU MISTAKE THE GLEAM OF BRILLIANCE ...FOR THAT OF MADNESS!
I MERELY ENJOY DOING THINGS ...WITH A FLAIR!
I EVEN HAVE AN ALLY TO HOLD YOU AT BAY WHILE I ESCAPE...
DON'T I, DAREDEVIL?
DON'T I, DARE-DEVIL??
NO!
HE CAN'T TAKE US BOTH, PANTHER!
AGREED!
YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME, DD!
PERHAPS YOU MERELY NEED MORE TIME TO CONSIDER THE RAMIFICATIONS OF YOUR ACT!
YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM ME AGAIN, OLD FRIEND!
OR DON'T YOU READ ME?
I...READ YOU, SAXON!
THEN, BEFORE THE LOT OF YOU EDGE ANY CLOSER...


I'LL MAKE MY DRAMATIC EXIT---
CRASH!
IN TRIED-AND-TRUE CINEMA FASHION!
NATURALLY, I'LL AIM FOR THE GIRL IF YOU FOLLOW ME!
---DROPPED TO A LEDGE JUST BELOW!
HE IS DANGER-OUS--- MUST BE CAPTURED!
YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU, DD?
YEAH--- I GUESS I DO---!
DON'T, FELLA---YOU'RE A LOT GROGGIER THAN YOU REALIZE!
MATT WON'T MIND IF YOU REST UP HERE FOR A WHILE!
WHICH REMINDS ME---
WHAT WERE YOU---KAREN ---SAXON--- ALL DOING AT MATT'S?
I'LL--- EXPLAIN LATER---!
JUST NOW, MY PANTHER PAL AND I HAVE SOME FANCY TRACKING TO DO!
RIGHT, AVENGER?
WITH STARR SAXON AS OUR QUARRY!
HOLD IT, YOU TWO---
SORRY, MR. D.A.---
BUT TIME IS FLEETING--- AND SO ARE WE!
HOPE WE'RE NOT BOTH AIMING FOR THE SAME FLAGPOLE, TIGER!
WE ARE NOT THAT HIGH, MY FRIEND!
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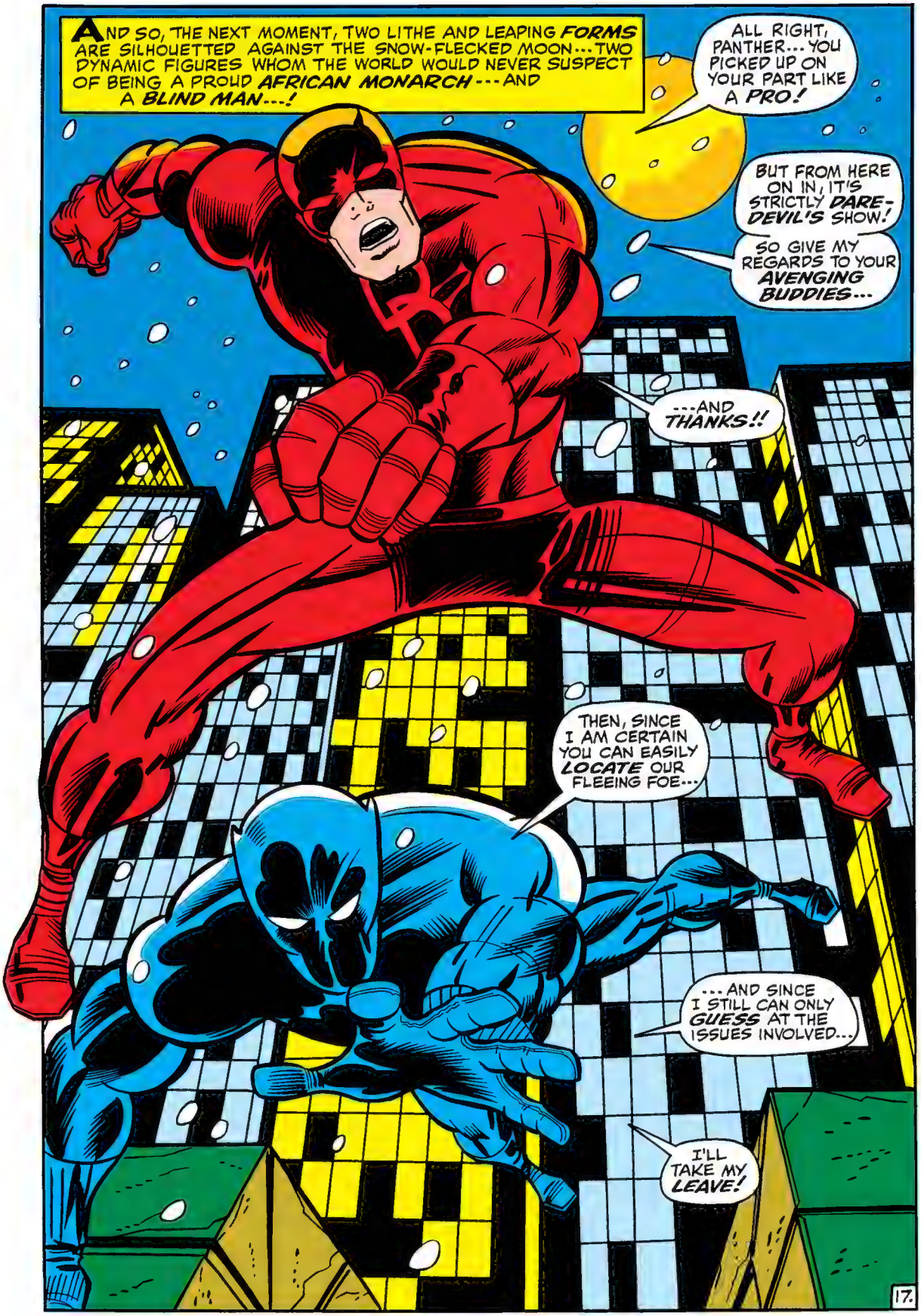
AND SO, THE NEXT MOMENT, TWO LITHE AND LEAPING FORMS ARE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE SNOW-FLECKED MOON... TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES WHOM THE WORLD WOULD NEVER SUSPECT OF BEING A PROUD AFRICAN MONARCH --- AND A BLIND MAN---!
ALL RIGHT, PANTHER... YOU PICKED UP ON YOUR PART LIKE A PRO!
BUT FROM HERE ON IN, IT'S STRICTLY DARE-DEVIL'S SHOW!
SO GIVE MY REGARDS TO YOUR AVENGING BUDDIES...
---AND THANKS!!
THEN, SINCE I AM CERTAIN YOU CAN EASILY LOCATE OUR FLEEING FOE...
...AND SINCE I STILL CAN ONLY GUESS AT THE ISSUES INVOLVED...
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE!
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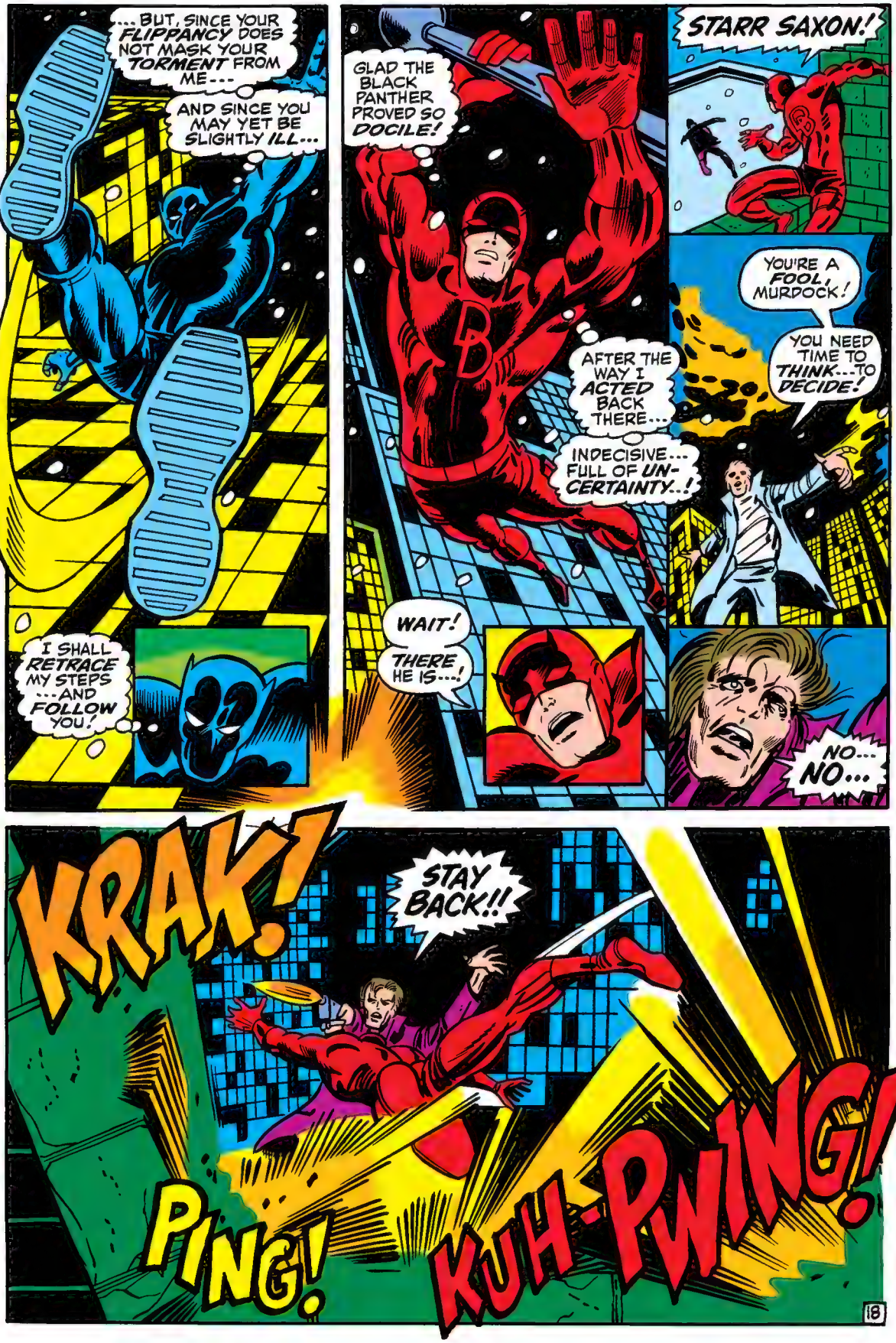
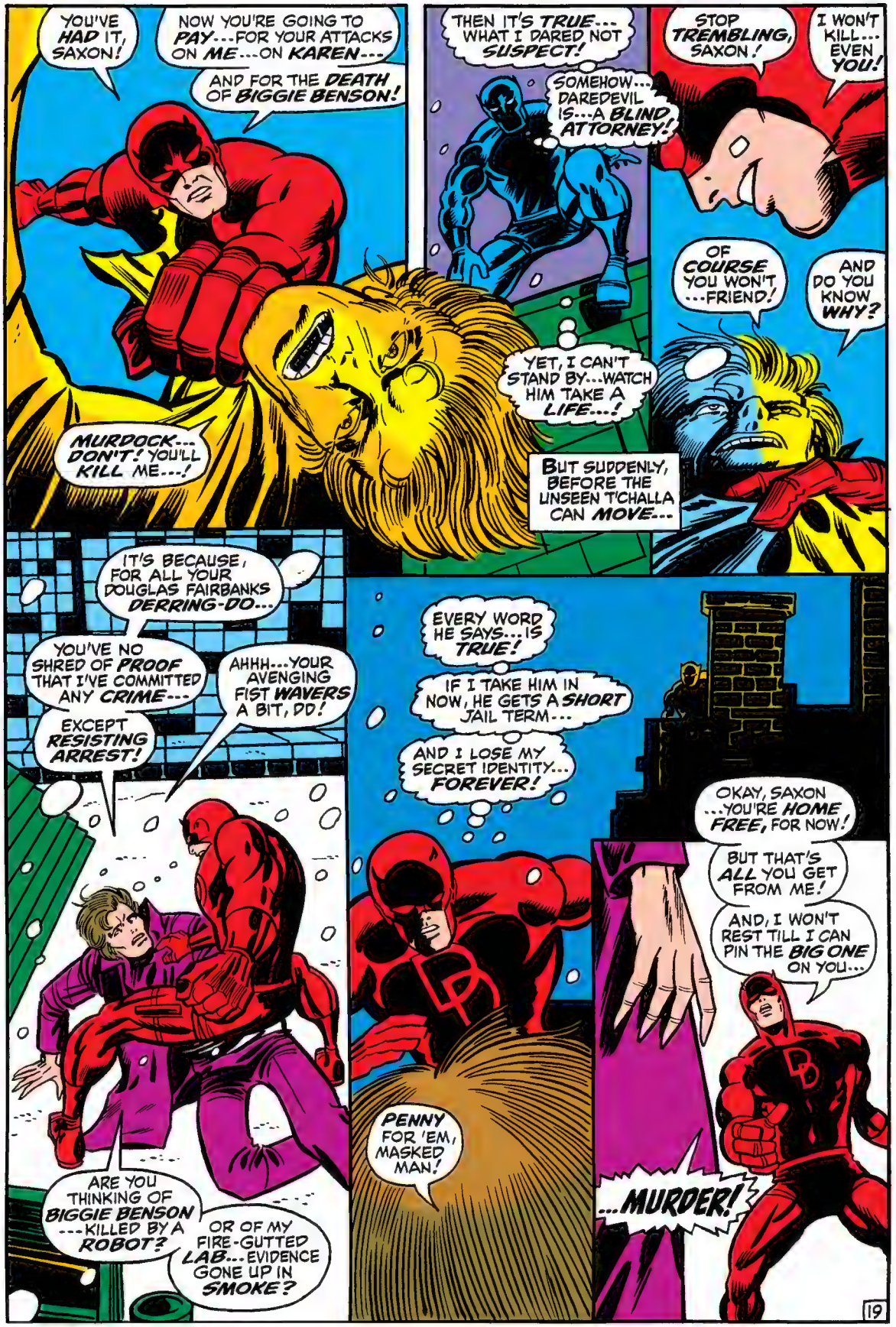
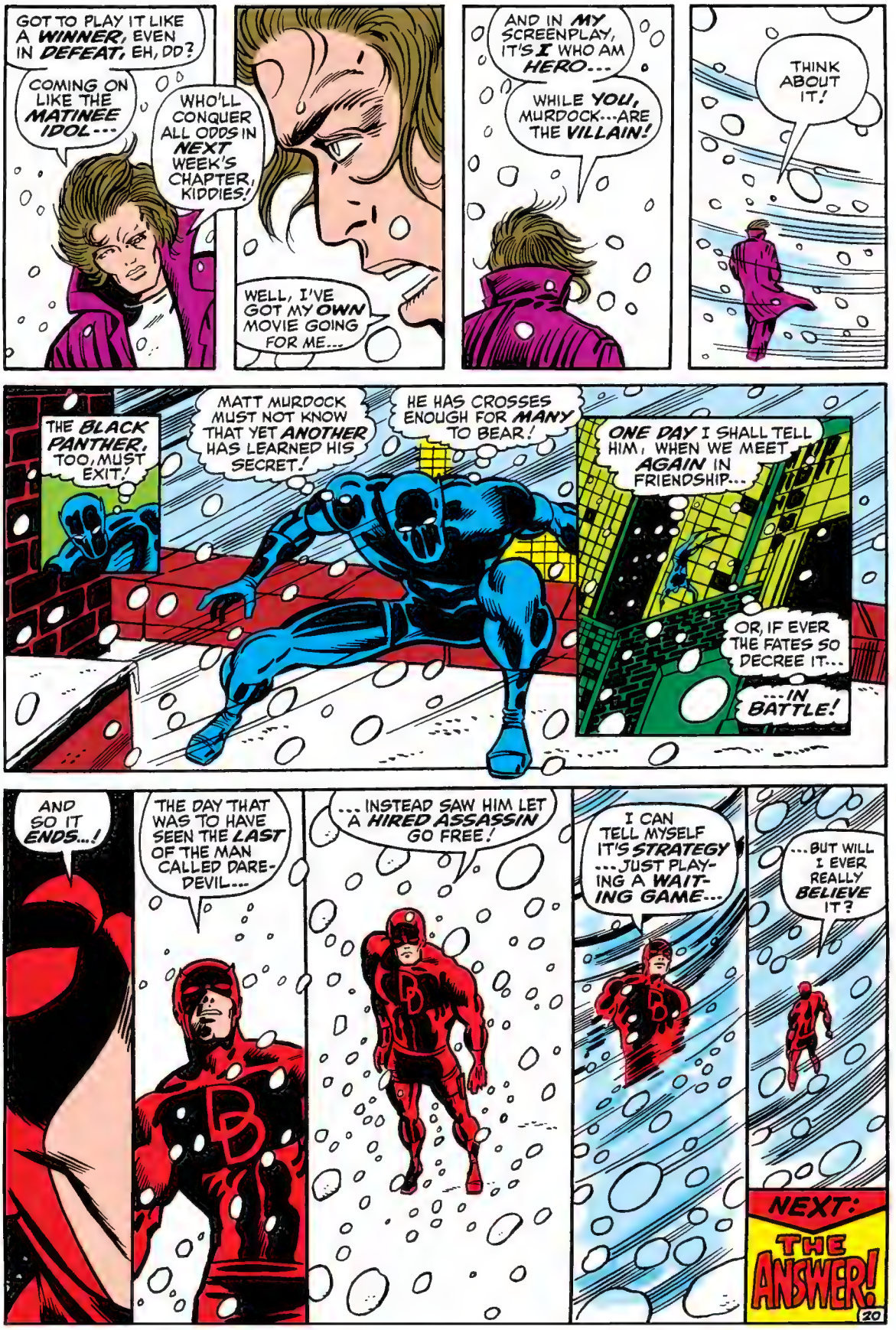

...BUT, SINCE YOUR FLIPPANCY DOES NOT MASK YOUR TORMENT FROM ME---
AND SINCE YOU MAY YET BE SLIGHTLY ILL...
I SHALL RETRACE MY STEPS ...AND FOLLOW YOU!
GLAD THE BLACK PANTHER PROVED SO DOCILE!
WAIT!
THERE HE IS...!
AFTER THE WAY I ACTED BACK THERE...
INDECISIVE... FULL OF UN-CERTAINTY..!
STARR SAXON!
YOU'RE A FOOL, MURDOCK!
YOU NEED TIME TO THINK...TO DECIDE!
NO... NO...
KRAK!
STAY BACK!!
PING!
KUH-PWING!


YOU'VE HAD IT, SAXON!
NOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY...FOR YOUR ATTACKS ON ME...ON KAREN...
AND FOR THE DEATH OF BIGGIE BENSON!
MURDOCK... DON'T! YOU'LL KILL ME...!
THEN IT'S TRUE... WHAT I DARED NOT SUSPECT!
SOMEHOW... DAREDEVIL IS...A BLIND ATTORNEY!
YET, I CAN'T STAND BY...WATCH HIM TAKE A LIFE...!
BUT SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE UNSEEN T'CHALLA CAN MOVE...
STOP TREMBLING, SAXON!
I WON'T KILL... EVEN YOU!
OF COURSE YOU WON'T ...FRIEND!
AND DO YOU KNOW WHY?
IT'S BECAUSE, FOR ALL YOUR DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS DERRING-DO...
YOU'VE NO SHRED OF PROOF THAT I'VE COMMITTED ANY CRIME...
EXCEPT RESISTING ARREST!
AHHH...YOUR AVENGING FIST WAVERS A BIT, DD!
ARE YOU THINKING OF BIGGIE BENSON ...KILLED BY A ROBOT?
OR OF MY FIRE-GUTTED LAB...EVIDENCE GONE UP IN SMOKE?
EVERY WORD HE SAYS...IS TRUE!
IF I TAKE HIM IN NOW, HE GETS A SHORT JAIL TERM...
AND I LOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY... FOREVER!
PENNY FOR 'EM, MASKED MAN!
OKAY, SAXON ...YOU'RE HOME FREE, FOR NOW!
BUT THAT'S ALL YOU GET FROM ME!
AND, I WON'T REST TILL I CAN PIN THE BIG ONE ON YOU...
...MURDER!


GOT TO PLAY IT LIKE A WINNER, EVEN IN DEFEAT, EH, DD?
COMING ON LIKE THE MATINEE IDOL---
WHO'LL CONQUER ALL ODDS IN NEXT WEEK'S CHAPTER, KIDDIES!
WELL, I'VE GOT MY OWN MOVIE GOING FOR ME...
AND IN MY SCREENPLAY, IT'S I WHO AM HERO---
WHILE YOU, MURDOCK---ARE THE VILLAIN!
THINK ABOUT IT!
THE BLACK PANTHER, TOO, MUST EXIT!
MATT MURDOCK MUST NOT KNOW THAT YET ANOTHER HAS LEARNED HIS SECRET!
HE HAS CROSSES ENOUGH FOR MANY TO BEAR!
ONE DAY I SHALL TELL HIM, WHEN WE MEET AGAIN IN FRIENDSHIP...
OR, IF EVER THE FATES SO DECREE IT...
...IN BATTLE!
AND SO IT ENDS...!
THE DAY THAT WAS TO HAVE SEEN THE LAST OF THE MAN CALLED DARE-DEVIL...
...INSTEAD SAW HIM LET A HIRED ASSASSIN GO FREE!
I CAN TELL MYSELF IT'S STRATEGY ---JUST PLAY-ING A WAIT-ING GAME...
...BUT WILL I EVER REALLY BELIEVE IT?
NEXT:
THE ANSWER!
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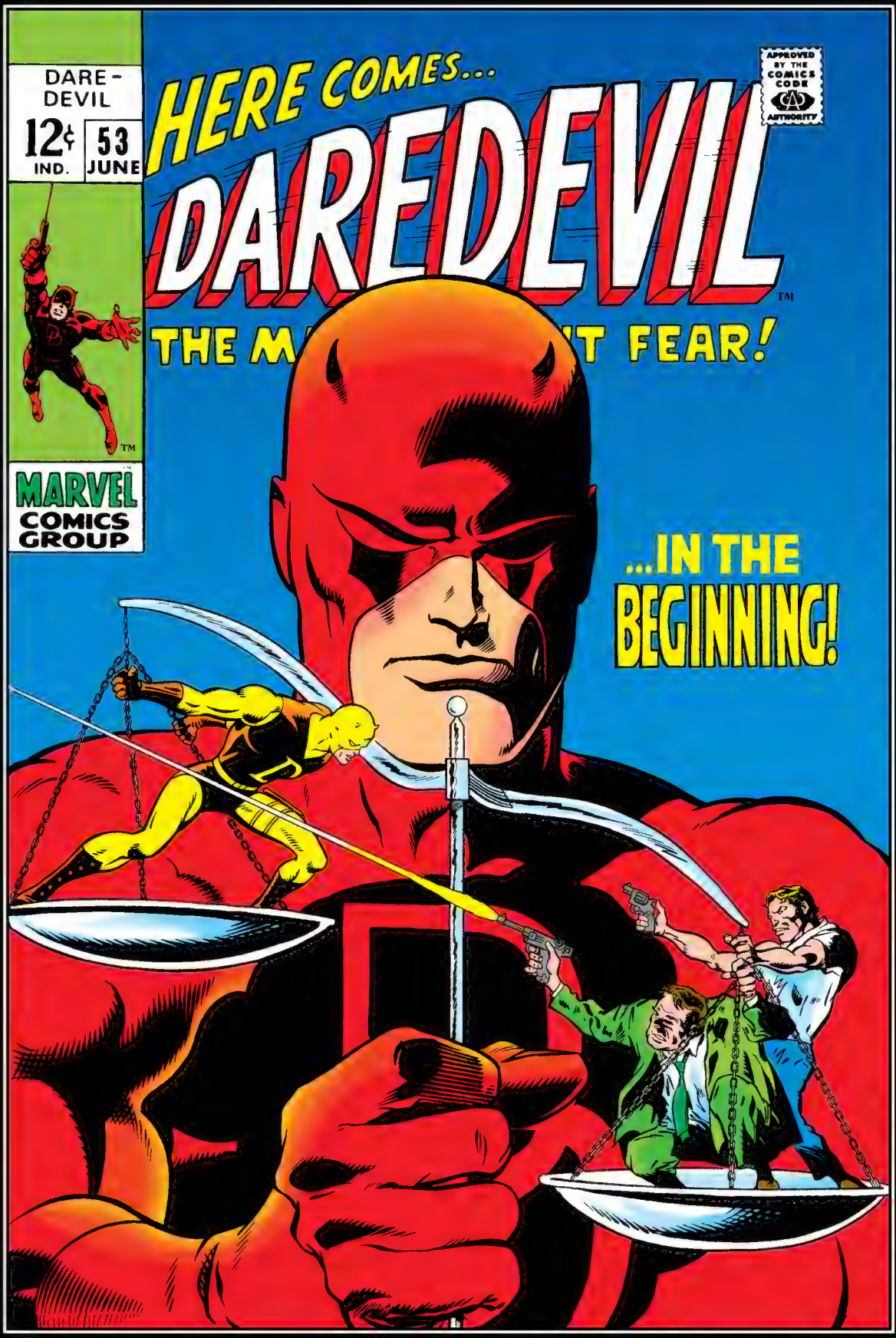
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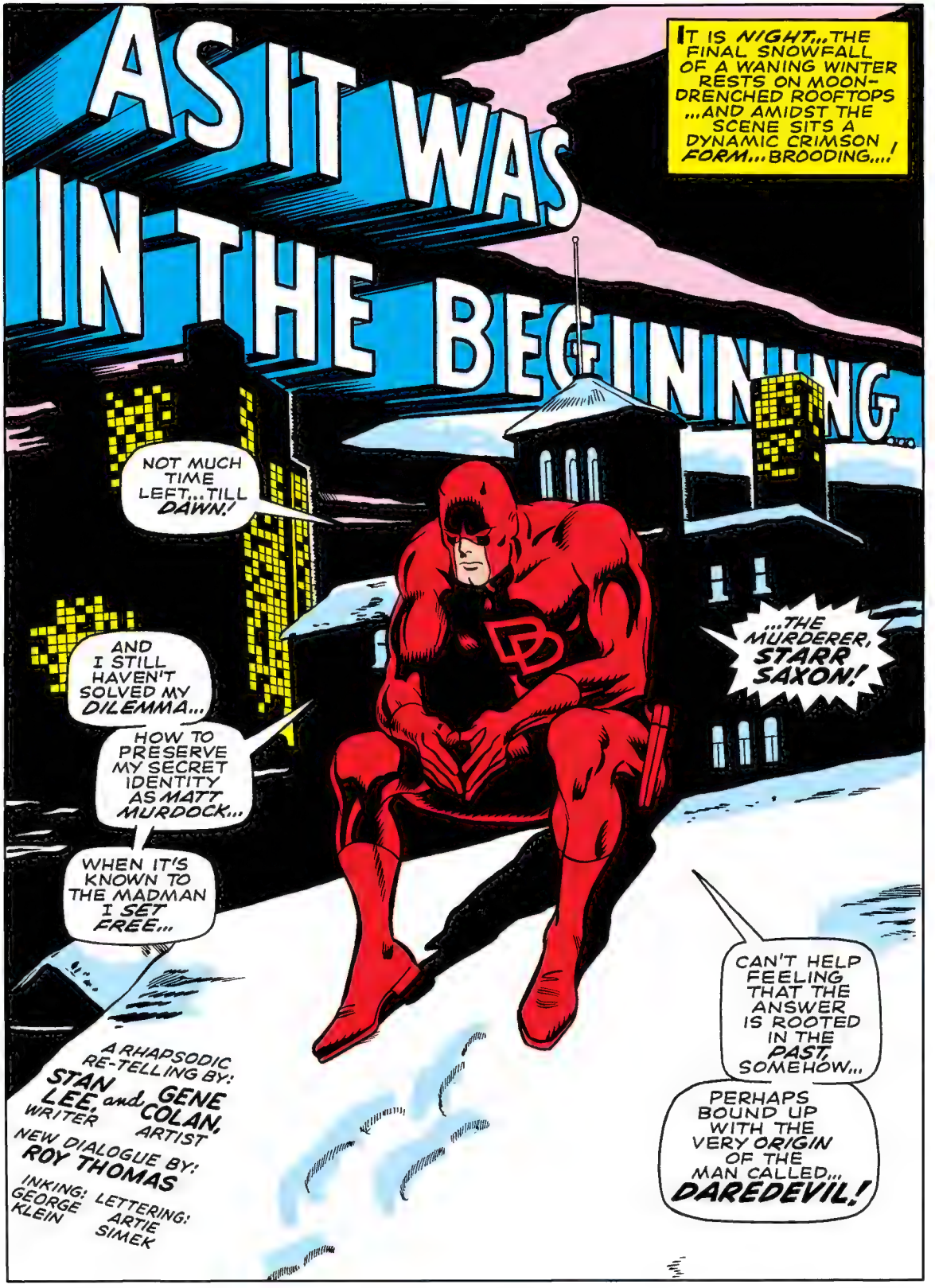
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING...
IT IS NIGHT... THE FINAL SNOWFALL OF A WANING WINTER RESTS ON MOON-DRENCHED ROOFTOPS ...AND AMIDST THE SCENE SITS A DYNAMIC CRIMSON FORM... BROODING...!
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT... TILL DAWN!
AND I STILL HAVEN'T SOLVED MY DILEMMA...
HOW TO PRESERVE MY SECRET IDENTITY AS MATT MURDOCK...
WHEN IT'S KNOWN TO THE MADMAN I SET FREE...
...THE MURDERER, STARR SAXON!
CAN'T HELP FEELING THAT THE ANSWER IS ROOTED IN THE PAST, SOMEHOW...
PERHAPS BOUND UP WITH THE VERY ORIGIN OF THE MAN CALLED... DAREDEVIL!
A RHAPSODIC RE-TELLING BY:
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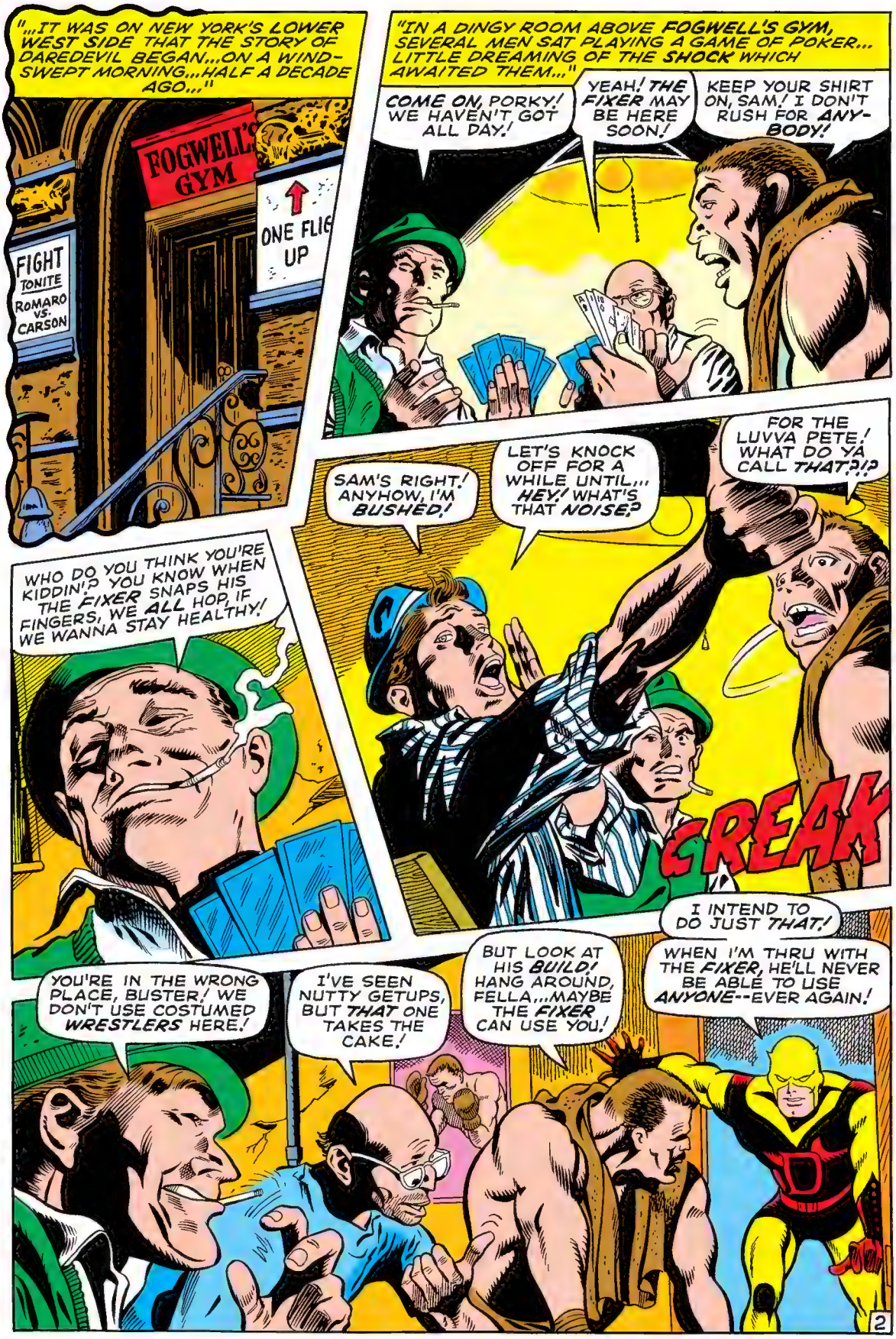
"...IT WAS ON NEW YORK'S LOWER WEST SIDE THAT THE STORY OF DAREDEVIL BEGAN...ON A WIND-SWEPT MORNING...HALF A DECADE AGO..."
FOGWELL'S GYM
ONE FLIG UP
FIGHT TONITE ROMARO VS. CARSON
"IN A DINGY ROOM ABOVE FOGWELL'S GYM, SEVERAL MEN SAT PLAYING A GAME OF POKER... LITTLE DREAMING OF THE SHOCK WHICH AWAITED THEM..."
COME ON, PORKY! WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!
YEAH! THE FIXER MAY BE HERE SOON!
KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON, SAM! I DON'T RUSH FOR ANY-BODY!
SAM'S RIGHT! ANYHOW, I'M BUSHED!
LET'S KNOCK OFF FOR A WHILE UNTIL... HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
FOR THE LUVVA PETE! WHAT DO YA CALL THAT?!?
CREAK
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE KIDDIN'? YOU KNOW WHEN THE FIXER SNAPS HIS FINGERS, WE ALL HOP, IF WE WANNA STAY HEALTHY!
YOU'RE IN THE WRONG PLACE, BUSTER! WE DON'T USE COSTUMED WRESTLERS HERE!
I'VE SEEN NUTTY GETUPS, BUT THAT ONE TAKES THE CAKE!
BUT LOOK AT HIS BUILD! HANG AROUND, FELLA...MAYBE THE FIXER CAN USE YOU!
I INTEND TO DO JUST THAT!
WHEN I'M THRU WITH THE FIXER, HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE ANYONE--EVER AGAIN!
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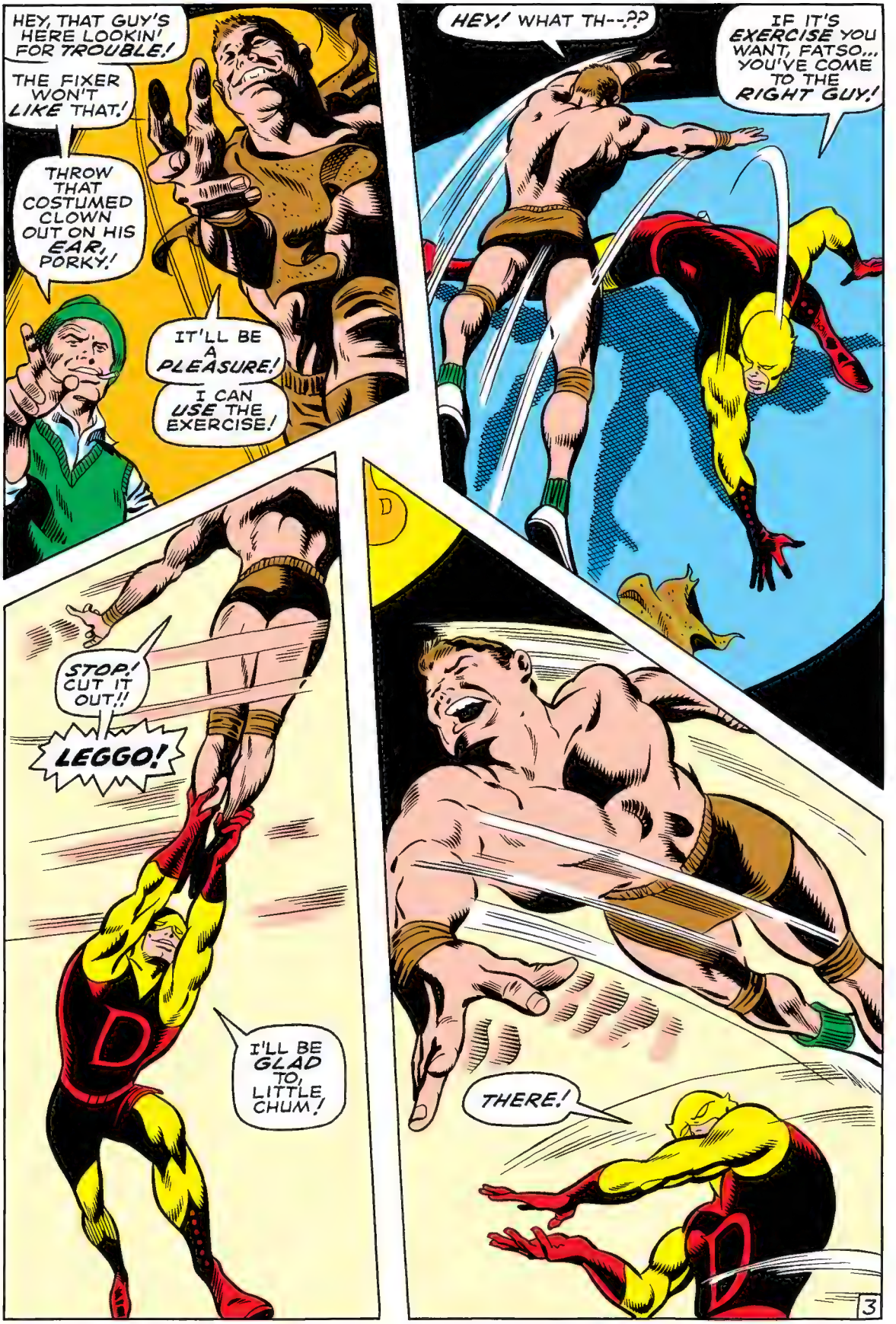
HEY, THAT GUY'S HERE LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE!
THE FIXER WON'T LIKE THAT!
THROW THAT COSTUMED CLOWN OUT ON HIS EAR, PORKY!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!
I CAN USE THE EXERCISE!
HEY! WHAT TH--??
IF IT'S EXERCISE YOU WANT, FATSO... YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT GUY!
STOP! CUT IT OUT!!
LEGGO!
I'LL BE GLAD TO, LITTLE CHUM!
THERE!
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IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?
MISTER, YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF A BIG PECK OF TROUBLE!
WAIT'LL I GRAB THAT GUN!
SORRY, PLAYMATE! YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE LOTS FASTER THAN THAT!
IF YOU'RE GRABBING A GUN, I GUESS I CAN USE A SIMPLE LITTLE BILLY CLUB!
THERE! NO SENSE WASTING EXPENSIVE BULLETS ON A NOBODY LIKE ME!
YOU PUNK!
I'LL FIX IT SO YOU NEVER MAKE ANOTHER WISECRACK AGAIN!
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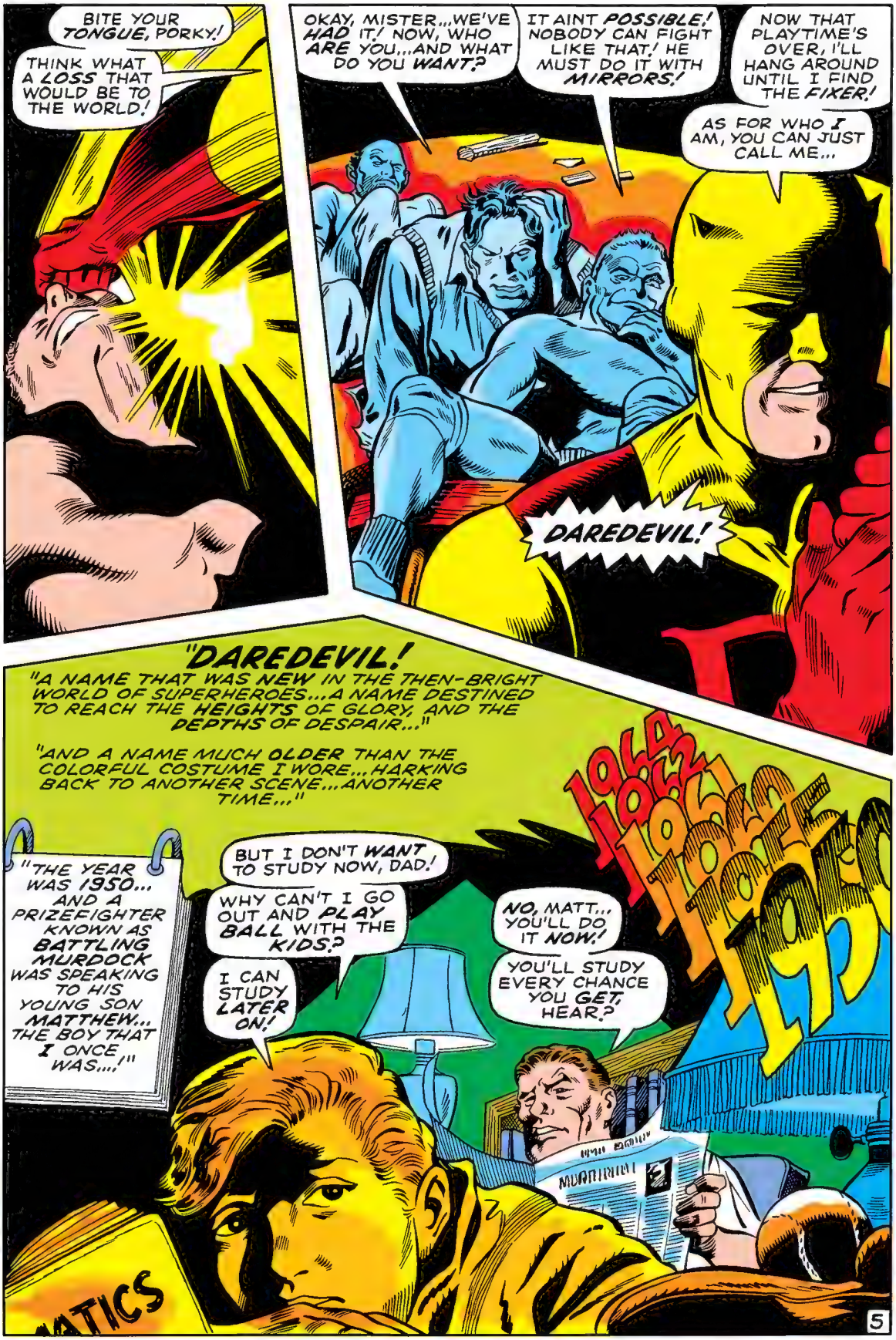
BITE YOUR TONGUE, PORKY!
THINK WHAT A LOSS THAT WOULD BE TO THE WORLD!
OKAY, MISTER...WE'VE HAD IT! NOW, WHO ARE YOU...AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?
IT AINT POSSIBLE! NOBODY CAN FIGHT LIKE THAT! HE MUST DO IT WITH MIRRORS!
NOW THAT PLAYTIME'S OVER, I'LL HANG AROUND UNTIL I FIND THE FIXER!
AS FOR WHO I AM, YOU CAN JUST CALL ME...
DAREDEVIL!
"DAREDEVIL!
"A NAME THAT WAS NEW IN THE THEN-BRIGHT WORLD OF SUPERHEROES...A NAME DESTINED TO REACH THE HEIGHTS OF GLORY, AND THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR..."
"AND A NAME MUCH OLDER THAN THE COLORFUL COSTUME I WORE...HARKING BACK TO ANOTHER SCENE...ANOTHER TIME..."
"THE YEAR WAS 1950... AND A PRIZEFIGHTER KNOWN AS BATTLING MURDOCK WAS SPEAKING TO HIS YOUNG SON MATTHEW... THE BOY THAT I ONCE WAS...!"
BUT I DON'T WANT TO STUDY NOW, DAD!
WHY CAN'T I GO OUT AND PLAY BALL WITH THE KIDS?
I CAN STUDY LATER ON!
NO, MATT... YOU'LL DO IT NOW!
YOU'LL STUDY EVERY CHANCE YOU GET, HEAR?
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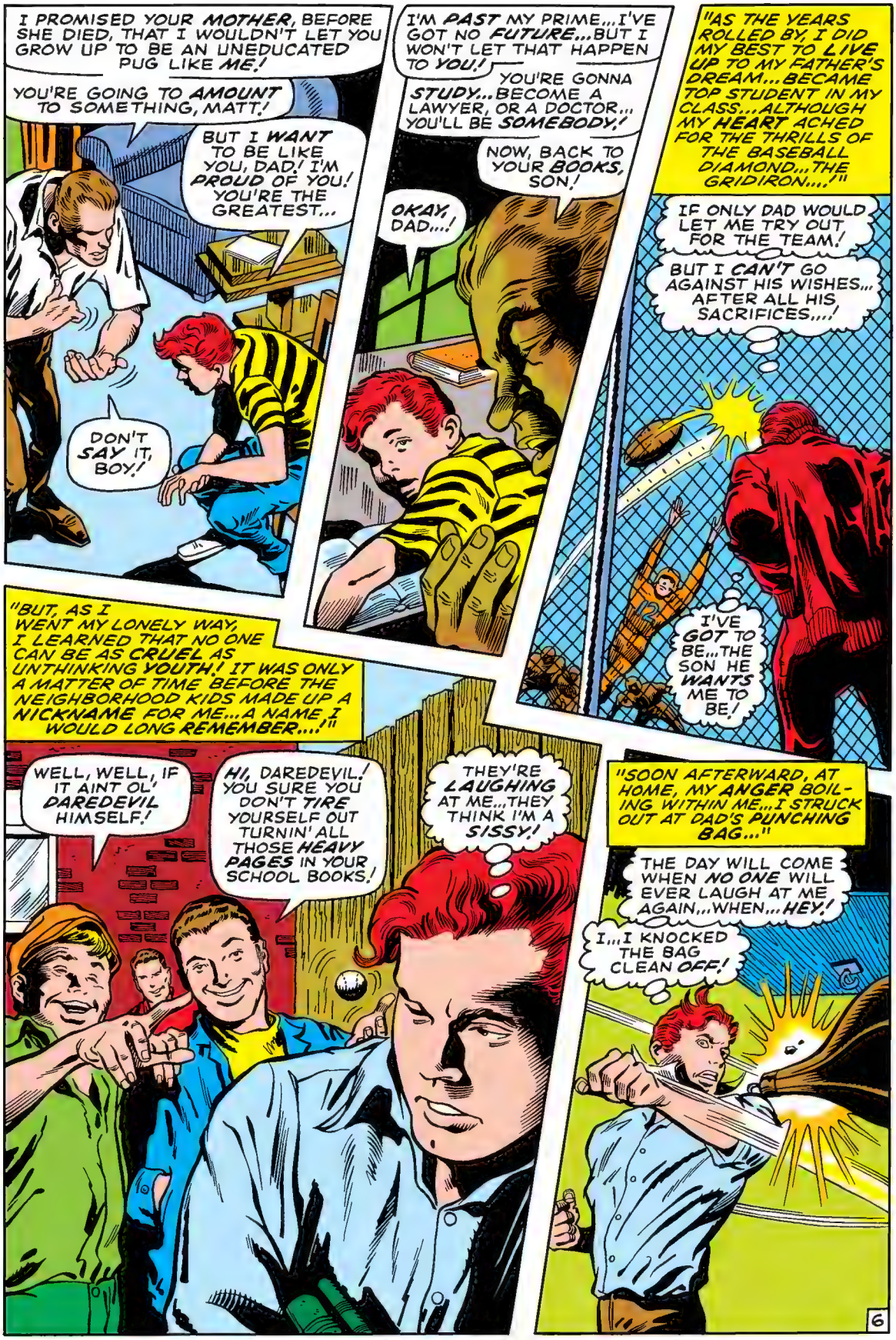
I PROMISED YOUR MOTHER, BEFORE SHE DIED, THAT I WOULDN'T LET YOU GROW UP TO BE AN UNEDUCATED PUG LIKE ME!
YOU'RE GOING TO AMOUNT TO SOMETHING, MATT!
BUT I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU, DAD! I'M PROUD OF YOU! YOU'RE THE GREATEST...
DON'T SAY IT, BOY!
I'M PAST MY PRIME...I'VE GOT NO FUTURE...BUT I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU!
YOU'RE GONNA STUDY...BECOME A LAWYER, OR A DOCTOR... YOU'LL BE SOMEBODY!
NOW, BACK TO YOUR BOOKS, SON!
OKAY, DAD...!
"AS THE YEARS ROLLED BY, I DID MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO MY FATHER'S DREAM...BECAME TOP STUDENT IN MY CLASS...ALTHOUGH MY HEART ACHED FOR THE THRILLS OF THE BASEBALL DIAMOND...THE GRIDIRON....!"
IF ONLY DAD WOULD LET ME TRY OUT FOR THE TEAM!
BUT I CAN'T GO AGAINST HIS WISHES... AFTER ALL HIS SACRIFICES...!
I'VE GOT TO BE...THE SON HE WANTS ME TO BE!
"BUT, AS I WENT MY LONELY WAY, I LEARNED THAT NO ONE CAN BE AS CRUEL AS UNTHINKING YOUTH! IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS MADE UP A NICKNAME FOR ME...A NAME I WOULD LONG REMEMBER...!"
WELL, WELL, IF IT AINT OL' DAREDEVIL HIMSELF!
HI, DAREDEVIL! YOU SURE YOU DON'T TIRE YOURSELF OUT TURNIN' ALL THOSE HEAVY PAGES IN YOUR SCHOOL BOOKS!
THEY'RE LAUGHING AT ME...THEY THINK I'M A SISSY!
"SOON AFTERWARD, AT HOME, MY ANGER BOILING WITHIN ME...I STRUCK OUT AT DAD'S PUNCHING BAG..."
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN NO ONE WILL EVER LAUGH AT ME AGAIN...WHEN...HEY!
I...I KNOCKED THE BAG CLEAN OFF!
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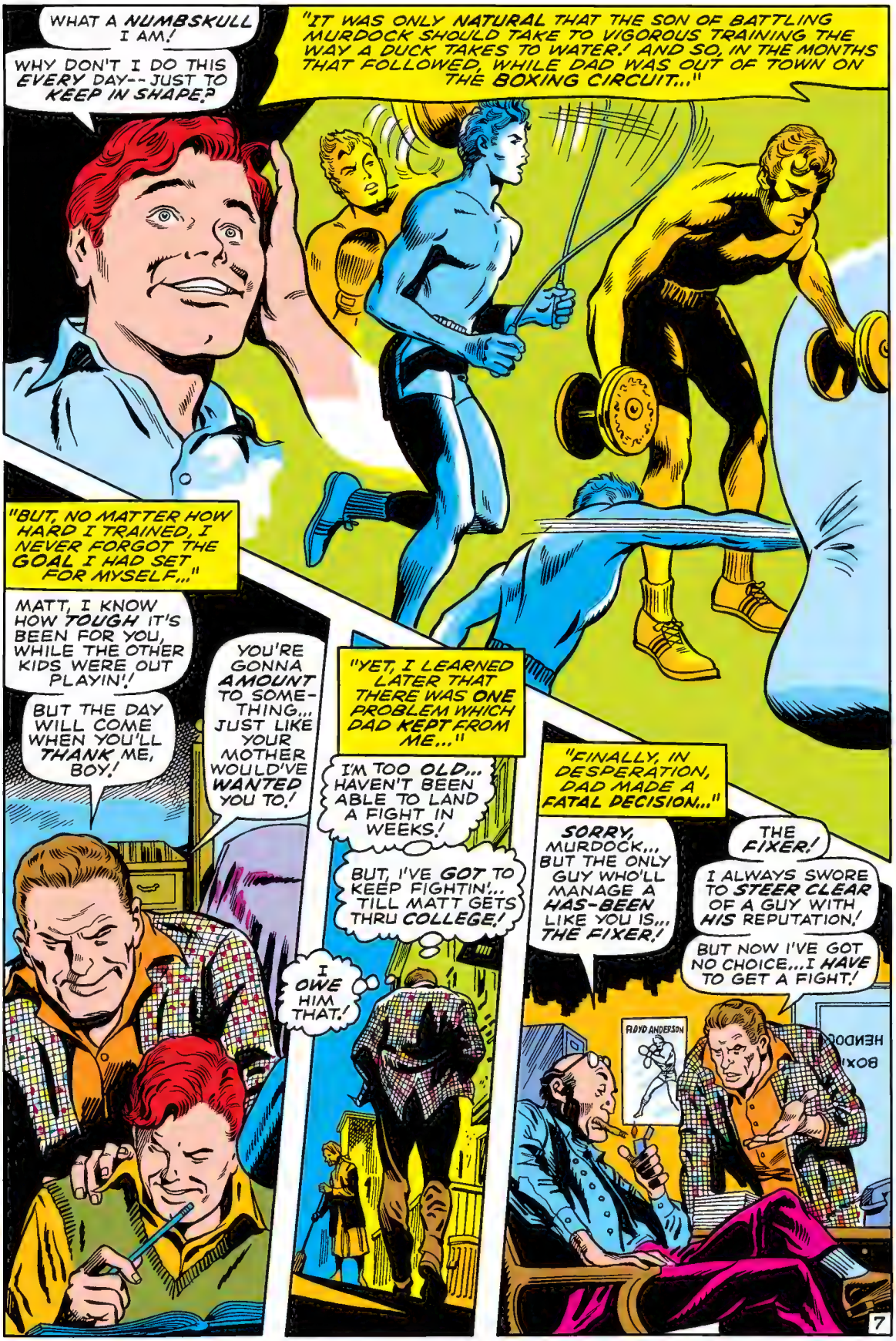
WHAT A NUMBSKULL I AM!
WHY DON'T I DO THIS EVERY DAY--JUST TO KEEP IN SHAPE?
"IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT THE SON OF BATTLING MURDOCK SHOULD TAKE TO VIGOROUS TRAINING THE WAY A DUCK TAKES TO WATER! AND SO, IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, WHILE DAD WAS OUT OF TOWN ON THE BOXING CIRCUIT..."
"BUT, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRAINED, I NEVER FORGOT THE GOAL I HAD SET FOR MYSELF..."
MATT, I KNOW HOW TOUGH IT'S BEEN FOR YOU, WHILE THE OTHER KIDS WERE OUT PLAYIN'!
BUT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN YOU'LL THANK ME, BOY!
YOU'RE GONNA AMOUNT TO SOMETHING... JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER WOULD'VE WANTED YOU TO!
"YET, I LEARNED LATER THAT THERE WAS ONE PROBLEM WHICH DAD KEPT FROM ME..."
I'M TOO OLD... HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LAND A FIGHT IN WEEKS!
BUT, I'VE GOT TO KEEP FIGHTIN'... TILL MATT GETS THRU COLLEGE!
I OWE HIM THAT!
"FINALLY, IN DESPERATION, DAD MADE A FATAL DECISION..."
SORRY, MURDOCK... BUT THE ONLY GUY WHO'LL MANAGE A HAS-BEEN LIKE YOU IS... THE FIXER!
THE FIXER!
I ALWAYS SWORE TO STEER CLEAR OF A GUY WITH HIS REPUTATION!
BUT NOW I'VE GOT NO CHOICE... I HAVE TO GET A FIGHT!
FLOYD ANDERSON
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"AND SO..."
TEN YEARS AGO, MURDOCK, YOU KICKED ME OUT OF YOUR DRESSING ROOM WHEN I OFFERED YOU A DEAL... BUT I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND, SOONER OR LATER!
--JUST BECAUSE I'M A SOFT-HEARTED FOOL!
SURE, I'LL GET YA SOME FIGHTS...
AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO TAKE A DIVE, EITHER!
HERE... SIGN THIS CONTRACT!
"WITH TREMBLING FINGERS, DAD GRASPED THE PEN...AS A DROWNING MAN WOULD CLUTCH AT A STRAW! AND THEN..."
Murdoc
"THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ALMOST THE PRECISE MOMENT THAT I WAS RETURNING FROM THE LIBRARY...AND ABOUT TO TAKE THE MOST IMPORTANT FEW STEPS OF MY ENTIRE LIFE...!"
GEE, YOU'D THINK SOMEONE WOULD HELP THAT BLIND MAN ACROSS THE STREET!
SAY, MISTER... CAN I GIVE YOU A HAND?
HABERDA
HE DIDN'T SEEM TO HEAR ME...HE MIGHT BE DEAF, TOO!
SAY...THERE'S A TRUCK TURNING THE CORNER... COMING TOWARDS HIM...!
HE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE...UNLESS I CAN REACH HIM IN TIME!!
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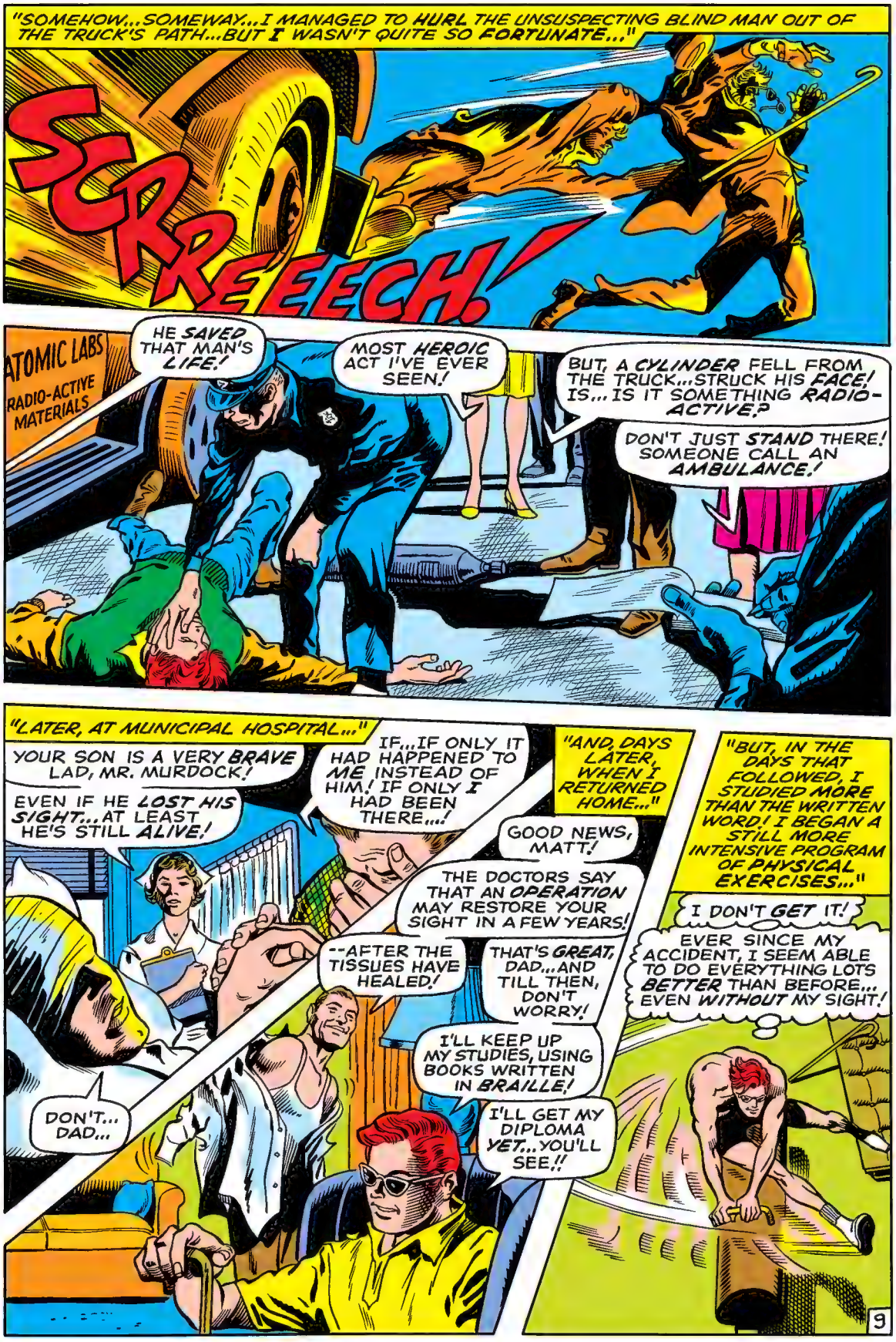
"SOMEHOW...SOMEWAY...I MANAGED TO HURL THE UNSUSPECTING BLIND MAN OUT OF THE TRUCK'S PATH...BUT I WASN'T QUITE SO FORTUNATE..."
SCRREEECH!
ATOMIC LABS
RADIO-ACTIVE MATERIALS
HE SAVED THAT MAN'S LIFE!
MOST HEROIC ACT I'VE EVER SEEN!
BUT, A CYLINDER FELL FROM THE TRUCK...STRUCK HIS FACE! IS... IS IT SOMETHING RADIO-ACTIVE?
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE!
"LATER, AT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL..."
YOUR SON IS A VERY BRAVE LAD, MR. MURDOCK!
EVEN IF HE LOST HIS SIGHT...AT LEAST HE'S STILL ALIVE!
IF...IF ONLY IT HAD HAPPENED TO ME INSTEAD OF HIM! IF ONLY I HAD BEEN THERE...!
"AND, DAYS LATER, WHEN I RETURNED HOME..."
GOOD NEWS, MATT!
THE DOCTORS SAY THAT AN OPERATION MAY RESTORE YOUR SIGHT IN A FEW YEARS!
--AFTER THE TISSUES HAVE HEALED!
THAT'S GREAT, DAD...AND TILL THEN, DON'T WORRY!
I'LL KEEP UP MY STUDIES, USING BOOKS WRITTEN IN BRAILLE!
DON'T... DAD...
I'LL GET MY DIPLOMA YET...YOU'LL SEE!!
"BUT, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, I STUDIED MORE THAN THE WRITTEN WORD! I BEGAN A STILL MORE INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL EXERCISES..."
I DON'T GET IT!
EVER SINCE MY ACCIDENT, I SEEM ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING LOTS BETTER THAN BEFORE... EVEN WITHOUT MY SIGHT!
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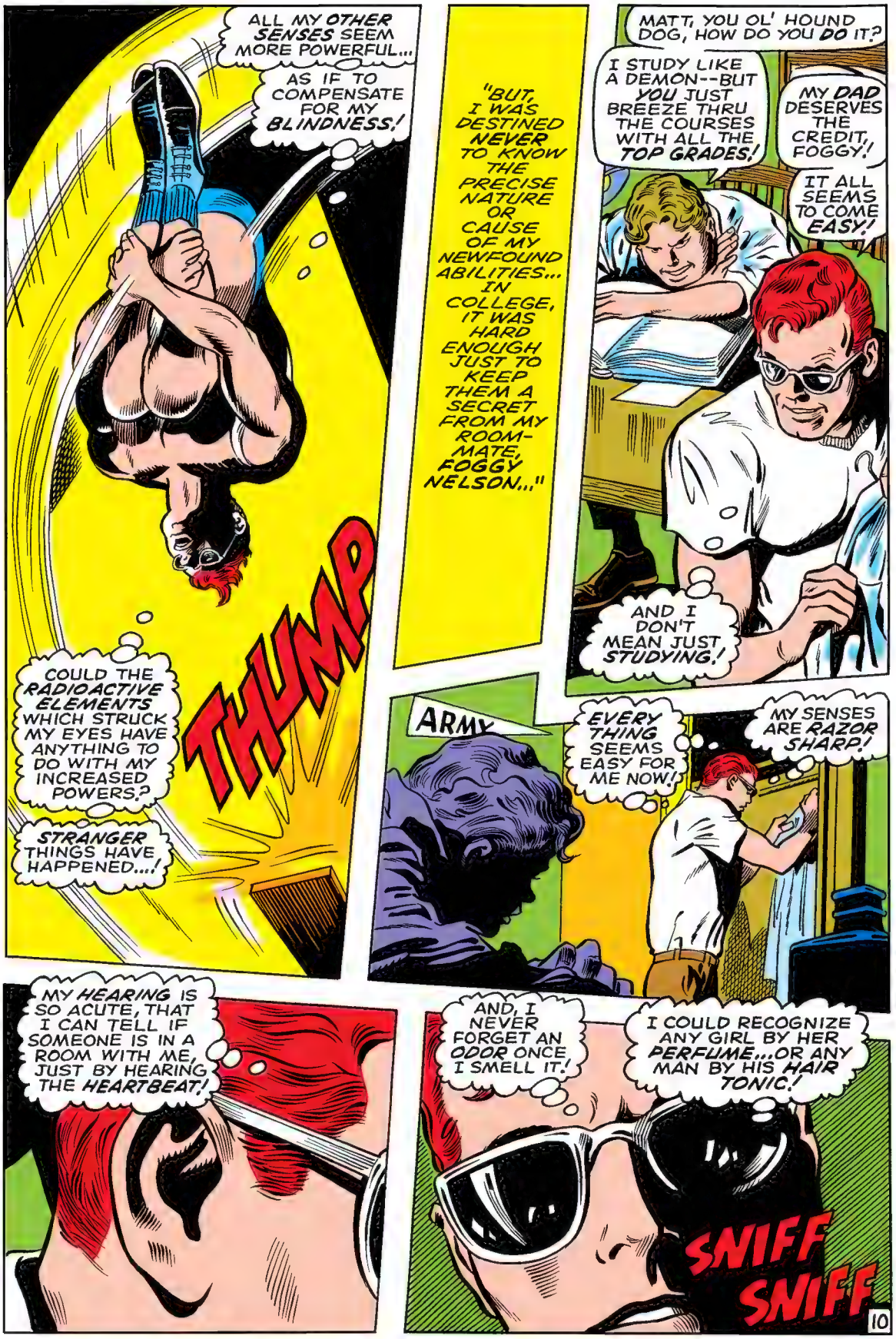
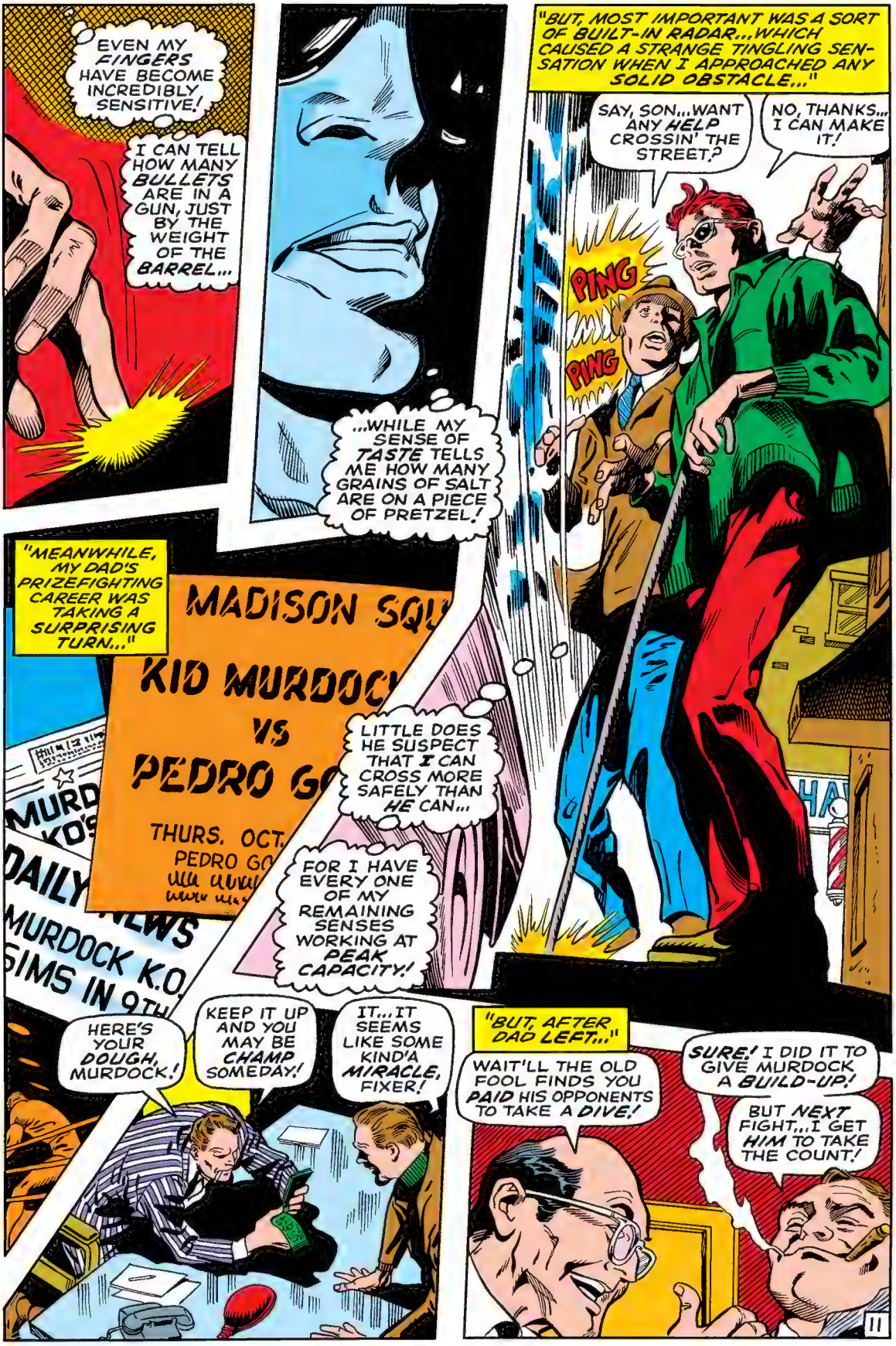

ALL MY OTHER SENSES SEEM MORE POWERFUL...
AS IF TO COMPENSATE FOR MY BLINDNESS!
THUMP
COULD THE RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS WHICH STRUCK MY EYES HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MY INCREASED POWERS?
STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED...!
"BUT, I WAS DESTINED NEVER TO KNOW THE PRECISE NATURE OR CAUSE OF MY NEWFOUND ABILITIES... IN COLLEGE, IT WAS HARD ENOUGH JUST TO KEEP THEM A SECRET FROM MY ROOM-MATE, FOGGY NELSON..."
MATT, YOU OL' HOUND DOG, HOW DO YOU DO IT?
I STUDY LIKE A DEMON--BUT YOU JUST BREEZE THRU THE COURSES WITH ALL THE TOP GRADES!
MY DAD DESERVES THE CREDIT, FOGGY!
IT ALL SEEMS TO COME EASY!
AND I DON'T MEAN JUST STUDYING!
ARMY
EVERY THING SEEMS EASY FOR ME NOW!
MY SENSES ARE RAZOR SHARP!
MY HEARING IS SO ACUTE, THAT I CAN TELL IF SOMEONE IS IN A ROOM WITH ME, JUST BY HEARING THE HEARTBEAT!
AND, I NEVER FORGET AN ODOR ONCE I SMELL IT!
I COULD RECOGNIZE ANY GIRL BY HER PERFUME...OR ANY MAN BY HIS HAIR TONIC!
SNIFF SNIFF


EVEN MY FINGERS HAVE BECOME INCREDIBLY SENSITIVE!
I CAN TELL HOW MANY BULLETS ARE IN A GUN, JUST BY THE WEIGHT OF THE BARREL...
...WHILE MY SENSE OF TASTE TELLS ME HOW MANY GRAINS OF SALT ARE ON A PIECE OF PRETZEL!
"BUT, MOST IMPORTANT WAS A SORT OF BUILT-IN RADAR...WHICH CAUSED A STRANGE TINGLING SENSATION WHEN I APPROACHED ANY SOLID OBSTACLE..."
SAY, SON...WANT ANY HELP CROSSIN' THE STREET?
NO, THANKS... I CAN MAKE IT!
PING
PING
"MEANWHILE, MY DAD'S PRIZEFIGHTING CAREER WAS TAKING A SURPRISING TURN..."
MADISON SQU
KID MURDOC
VS
PEDRO GO
THURS. OCT.
PEDRO GO
DAILY
MURDOCK K.O.
SIMS IN 9TH
LITTLE DOES HE SUSPECT THAT I CAN CROSS MORE SAFELY THAN HE CAN...
FOR I HAVE EVERY ONE OF MY REMAINING SENSES WORKING AT PEAK CAPACITY!
HERE'S YOUR DOUGH, MURDOCK!
KEEP IT UP AND YOU MAY BE CHAMP SOMEDAY!
IT...IT SEEMS LIKE SOME KIND'A MIRACLE, FIXER!
"BUT, AFTER DAD LEFT..."
WAIT'LL THE OLD FOOL FINDS YOU PAID HIS OPPONENTS TO TAKE A DIVE!
SURE! I DID IT TO GIVE MURDOCK A BUILD-UP!
BUT NEXT FIGHT...I GET HIM TO TAKE THE COUNT!
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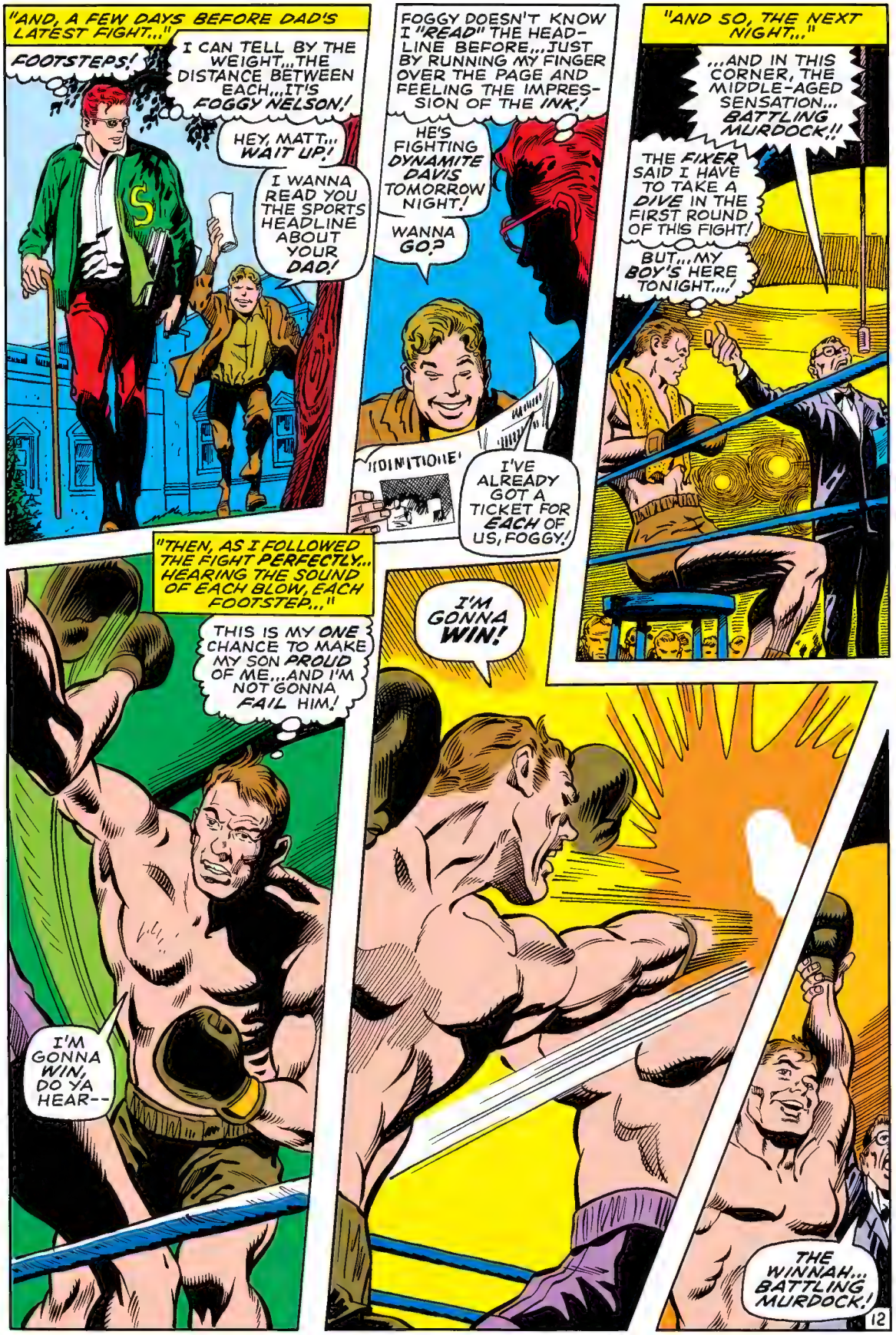
"AND, A FEW DAYS BEFORE DAD'S LATEST FIGHT..."
FOOTSTEPS!
I CAN TELL BY THE WEIGHT...THE DISTANCE BETWEEN EACH...IT'S FOGGY NELSON!
HEY, MATT... WAIT UP!
I WANNA READ YOU THE SPORTS HEADLINE ABOUT YOUR DAD!
FOGGY DOESN'T KNOW I "READ" THE HEADLINE BEFORE...JUST BY RUNNING MY FINGER OVER THE PAGE AND FEELING THE IMPRESSION OF THE INK!
HE'S FIGHTING DYNAMITE DAVIS TOMORROW NIGHT!
WANNA GO?
I'VE ALREADY GOT A TICKET FOR EACH OF US, FOGGY!
"AND SO, THE NEXT NIGHT..."
...AND IN THIS CORNER, THE MIDDLE-AGED SENSATION... BATTLING MURDOCK!!
THE FIXER SAID I HAVE TO TAKE A DIVE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THIS FIGHT!
BUT...MY BOY'S HERE TONIGHT...!
"THEN, AS I FOLLOWED THE FIGHT PERFECTLY.. HEARING THE SOUND OF EACH BLOW, EACH FOOTSTEP..."
THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE TO MAKE MY SON PROUD OF ME...AND I'M NOT GONNA FAIL HIM!
I'M GONNA WIN, DO YA HEAR--
I'M GONNA WIN!
THE WINNAH... BATTLING MURDOCK!
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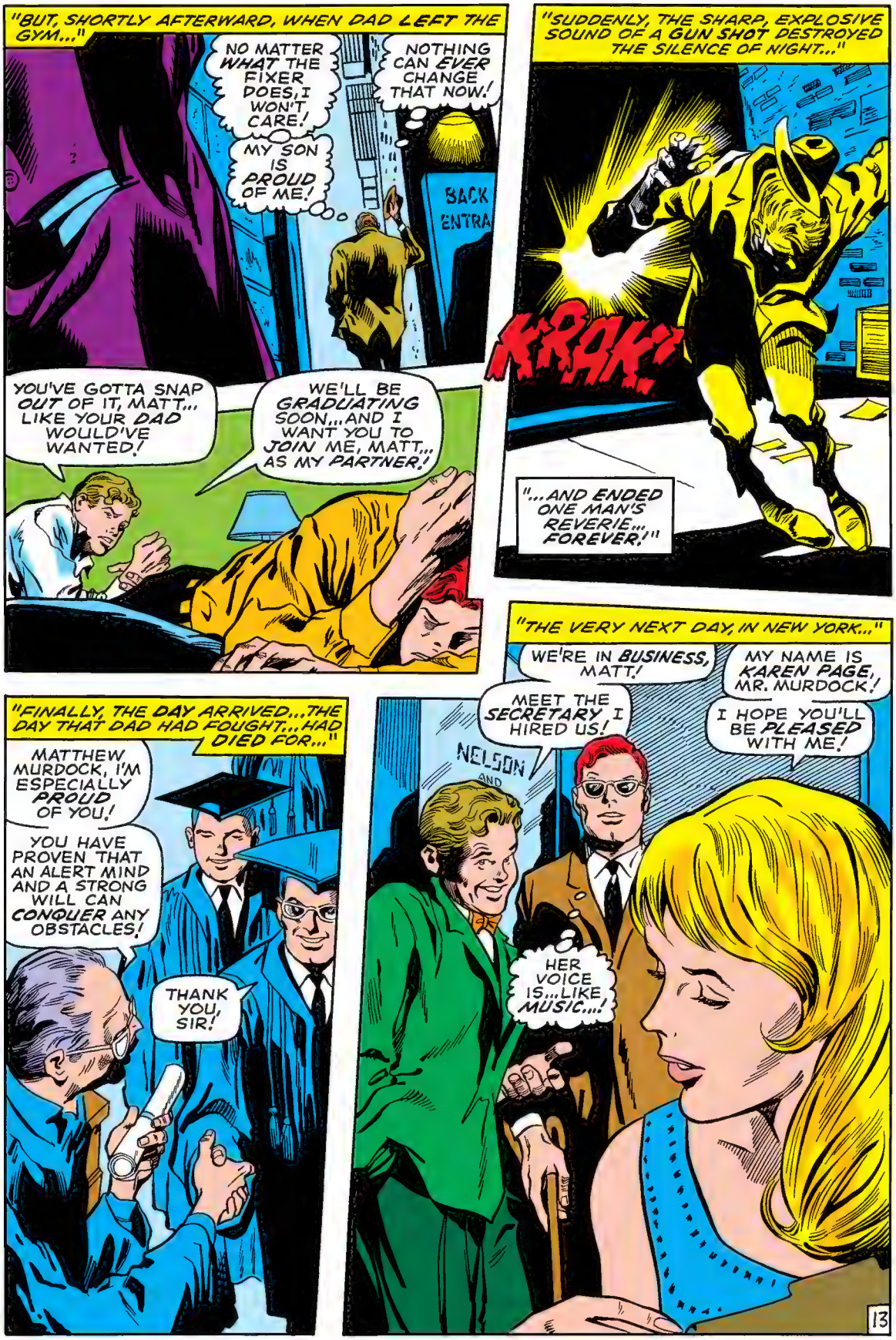
"BUT, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN DAD LEFT THE GYM..."
NO MATTER WHAT THE FIXER DOES, I WON'T CARE!
MY SON IS PROUD OF ME!
NOTHING CAN EVER CHANGE THAT NOW!
BACK ENTRA
YOU'VE GOTTA SNAP OUT OF IT, MATT... LIKE YOUR DAD WOULD'VE WANTED!
WE'LL BE GRADUATING SOON... AND I WANT YOU TO JOIN ME, MATT... AS MY PARTNER!
"SUDDENLY, THE SHARP, EXPLOSIVE SOUND OF A GUN SHOT DESTROYED THE SILENCE OF NIGHT..."
KRAK!
"...AND ENDED ONE MAN'S REVERIE... FOREVER!"
"FINALLY, THE DAY ARRIVED... THE DAY THAT DAD HAD FOUGHT... HAD DIED FOR..."
MATTHEW MURDOCK, I'M ESPECIALLY PROUD OF YOU!
YOU HAVE PROVEN THAT AN ALERT MIND AND A STRONG WILL CAN CONQUER ANY OBSTACLES!
THANK YOU, SIR!
"THE VERY NEXT DAY, IN NEW YORK..."
WE'RE IN BUSINESS, MATT!
MEET THE SECRETARY I HIRED US!
MY NAME IS KAREN PAGE, MR. MURDOCK!
I HOPE YOU'LL BE PLEASED WITH ME!
NELSON AND
HER VOICE IS... LIKE MUSIC...!
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"LATER THAT NIGHT, IN MY APARTMENT..."
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON MY LAW WORK...
UNTIL DAD'S MURDERER IS FINALLY BROUGHT TO JUSTICE!
BUT, I ONCE PROMISED DAD I'D USE MY HEAD...NOT MY MUSCLES!
WAIT--I HAVE IT!
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT MATT MURDOCK NEVER RESORTS TO FORCE...
BUT SOMEBODY ELSE WILL...!
SOMEBODY TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM MATT MURDOCK!
ALL I NEED ARE SOME OLD SHIRTS WHICH I CAN STITCH TOGETHER...!
"THUS, THRU THE LONG NIGHT I LABORED... MY DELICATE TOUCH SERVING ME WELL... UNTIL, WITH THE DAWN, WAS BORN--"
"--DAREDEVIL!"
"...AND, IN A MOMENT OF INSPIRATION, I MOLDED AND MANIPULATED MY BLIND MAN'S CANE--"
"...INTO THE PERFECT ALL-PURPOSE WEAPON!"
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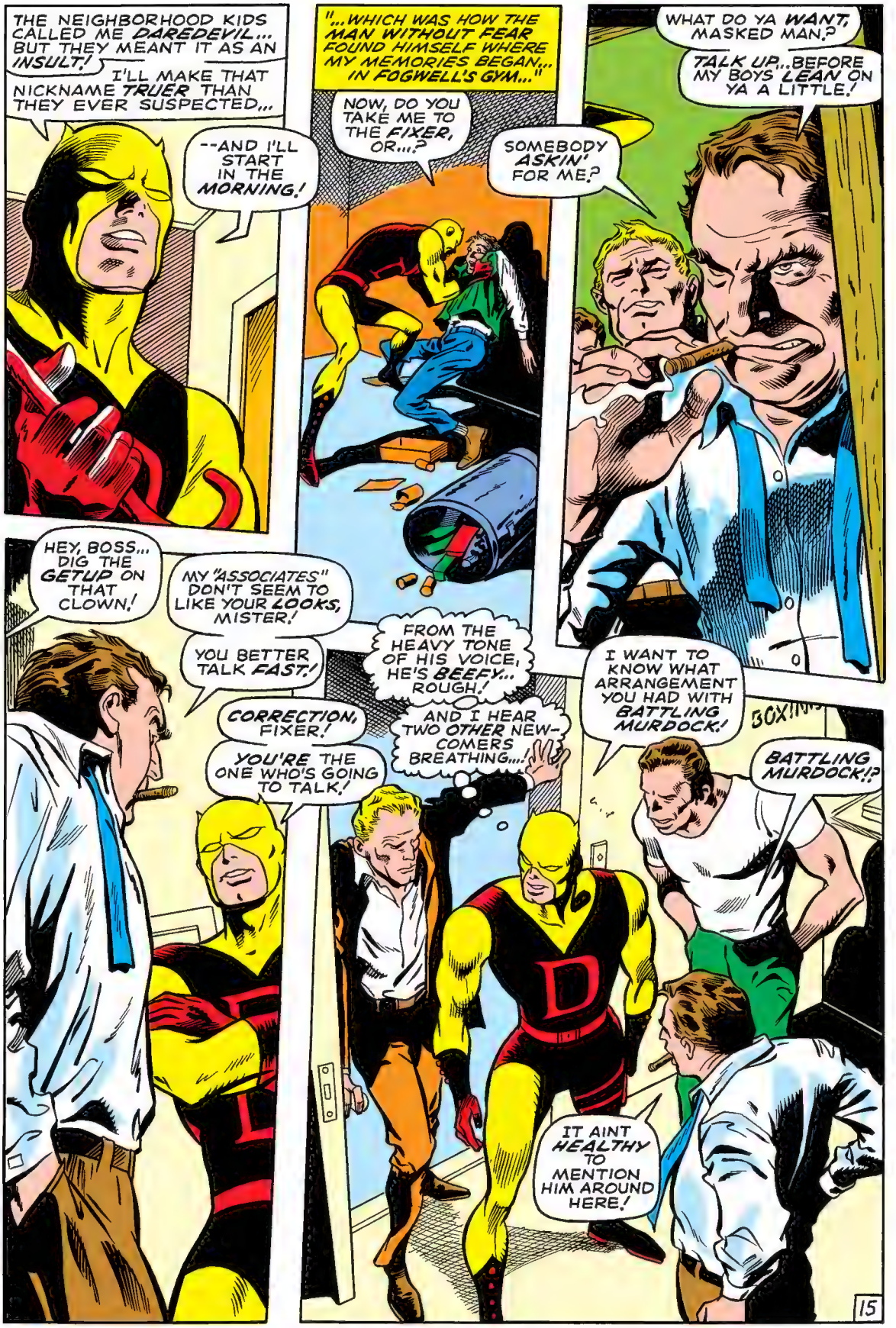
THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS CALLED ME DAREDEVIL... BUT THEY MEANT IT AS AN INSULT!
I'LL MAKE THAT NICKNAME TRUER THAN THEY EVER SUSPECTED...
--AND I'LL START IN THE MORNING!
"...WHICH WAS HOW THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR FOUND HIMSELF WHERE MY MEMORIES BEGAN... IN FOGWELL'S GYM..."
NOW, DO YOU TAKE ME TO THE FIXER, OR...?
SOMEBODY ASKIN' FOR ME?
WHAT DO YA WANT, MASKED MAN?
TALK UP...BEFORE MY BOYS LEAN ON YA A LITTLE!
HEY, BOSS... DIG THE GETUP ON THAT CLOWN!
MY "ASSOCIATES" DON'T SEEM TO LIKE YOUR LOOKS, MISTER!
YOU BETTER TALK FAST!
CORRECTION, FIXER!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO TALK!
FROM THE HEAVY TONE OF HIS VOICE, HE'S BEEFY... ROUGH!
AND I HEAR TWO OTHER NEW-COMERS BREATHING...!
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENT YOU HAD WITH BATTLING MURDOCK!
BOXING
BATTLING MURDOCK!?
IT AINT HEALTHY TO MENTION HIM AROUND HERE!
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HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING, BOSS!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!
THE SOUND OF A SUIT JACKET BEING DRAWN ASIDE...FINGERS TOUCHING A METAL OBJECT...
MUST BE A GUN BUTT... IN A SHOULDER HOLSTER!
THE SOUND OF HIS BREATHING...
THE TELL-TALE CLICK OF THE PISTOL'S SAFETY RELEASE...
...ARE ALL I NEED HEAR TO PINPOINT MY TARGET!
AH! THE ALMOST INAUDIBLE SOUND OF MY CANE CUTTING THRU THE AIR IS LIKE A LOUD RADAR BEEP TO MY SUPER-SENSITIVE EARS!
HEY!
HOW'D YOU KNOW I WAS BEHIND YOU?
BOOING!
THAT'S MY SECRET, PAL!
I CAN DO ANYTHING A MAN WITH EYESIGHT CAN DO...AND DO IT BETTER!
NOW, FIXER... WHY DON'T YOU CONFESS YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDOCK'S DEATH ...AND SAVE US ALL A LOT OF TROUBLE?
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HE KNOWS TOO MUCH--MIGHT EVEN KNOW I'M THE MURDERER!
CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!
IT WAS ME-SLADE!
BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT!
I WAS TOO INTENT ON LISTENING TO THE FIXER'S PULSE RATE...TO LEARN IF HE WAS THE MURDERER!
NOW, THAT FLAGPOLE... IS MY ONE CHANCE...!
GOT IT!
FROM HERE ON IN, IT'S ALL A BREEZE!
NOW THEN, GENTS... WHERE WERE WE??
HE'S BACK!!
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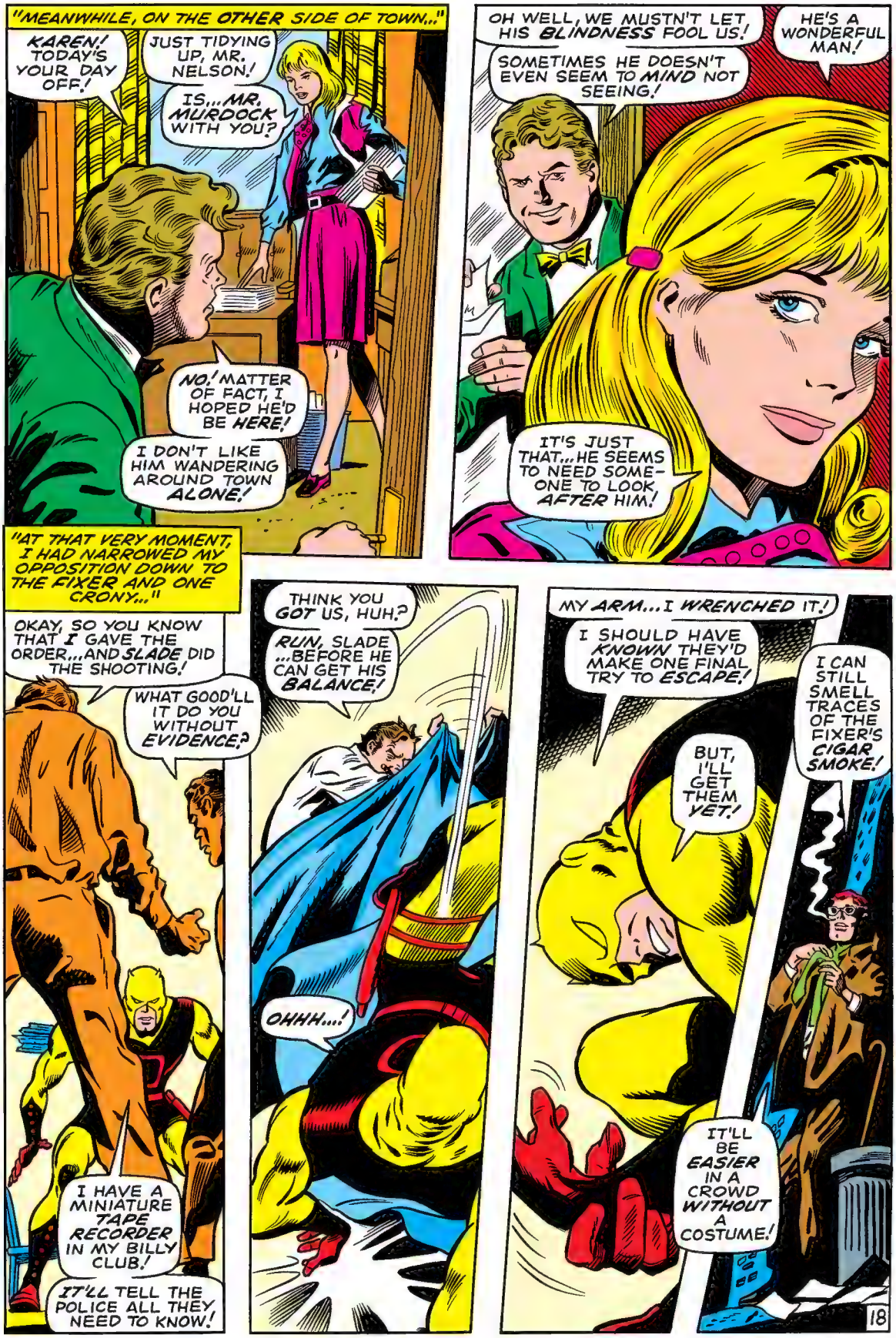
"MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN..."
KAREN! TODAY'S YOUR DAY OFF!
JUST TIDYING UP, MR. NELSON!
IS...MR. MURDOCK WITH YOU?
NO! MATTER OF FACT, I HOPED HE'D BE HERE!
I DON'T LIKE HIM WANDERING AROUND TOWN ALONE!
OH WELL, WE MUSTN'T LET HIS BLINDNESS FOOL US!
HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN!
SOMETIMES HE DOESN'T EVEN SEEM TO MIND NOT SEEING!
IT'S JUST THAT...HE SEEMS TO NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER HIM!
"AT THAT VERY MOMENT, I HAD NARROWED MY OPPOSITION DOWN TO THE FIXER AND ONE CRONY..."
OKAY, SO YOU KNOW THAT I GAVE THE ORDER...AND SLADE DID THE SHOOTING!
WHAT GOOD'LL IT DO YOU WITHOUT EVIDENCE?
I HAVE A MINIATURE TAPE RECORDER IN MY BILLY CLUB!
IT'LL TELL THE POLICE ALL THEY NEED TO KNOW!
THINK YOU GOT US, HUH?
RUN, SLADE ...BEFORE HE CAN GET HIS BALANCE!
OHHH...!
MY ARM...I WRENCHED IT!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THEY'D MAKE ONE FINAL TRY TO ESCAPE!
BUT, I'LL GET THEM YET!
I CAN STILL SMELL TRACES OF THE FIXER'S CIGAR SMOKE!
IT'LL BE EASIER IN A CROWD WITHOUT A COSTUME!
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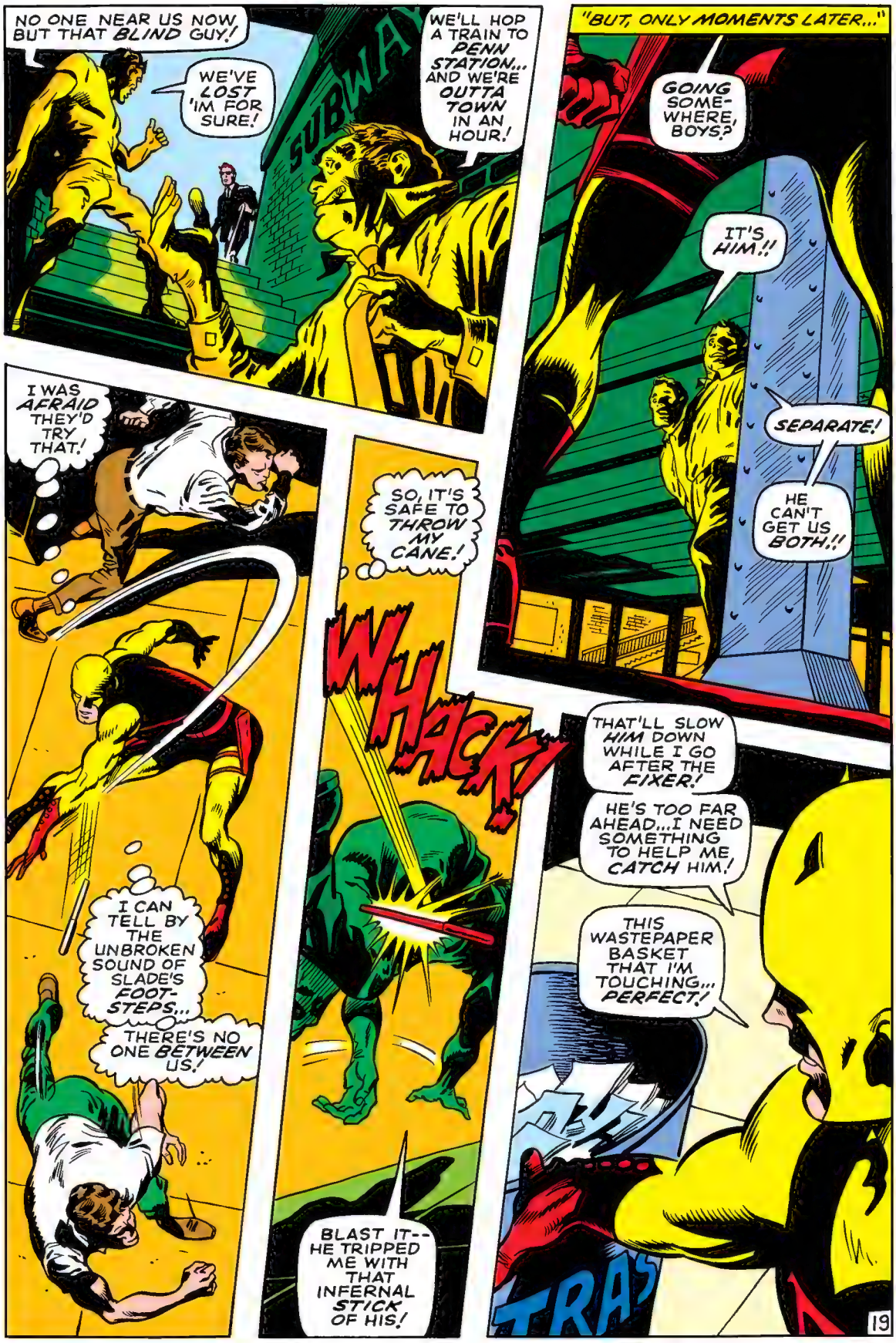
NO ONE NEAR US NOW, BUT THAT BLIND GUY!
WE'VE LOST 'IM FOR SURE!
SUBWAY
WE'LL HOP A TRAIN TO PENN STATION... AND WE'RE OUTTA TOWN IN AN HOUR!
"BUT, ONLY MOMENTS LATER..."
GOING SOME-WHERE, BOYS?
IT'S HIM!!
SEPARATE!
HE CAN'T GET US BOTH!!
I WAS AFRAID THEY'D TRY THAT!
SO, IT'S SAFE TO THROW MY CANE!
WHACK!
I CAN TELL BY THE UNBROKEN SOUND OF SLADE'S FOOT-STEPS...
THERE'S NO ONE BETWEEN US!
BLAST IT-- HE TRIPPED ME WITH THAT INFERNAL STICK OF HIS!
THAT'LL SLOW HIM DOWN WHILE I GO AFTER THE FIXER!
HE'S TOO FAR AHEAD...I NEED SOMETHING TO HELP ME CATCH HIM!
THIS WASTEPAPER BASKET THAT I'M TOUCHING... PERFECT!
TRAP
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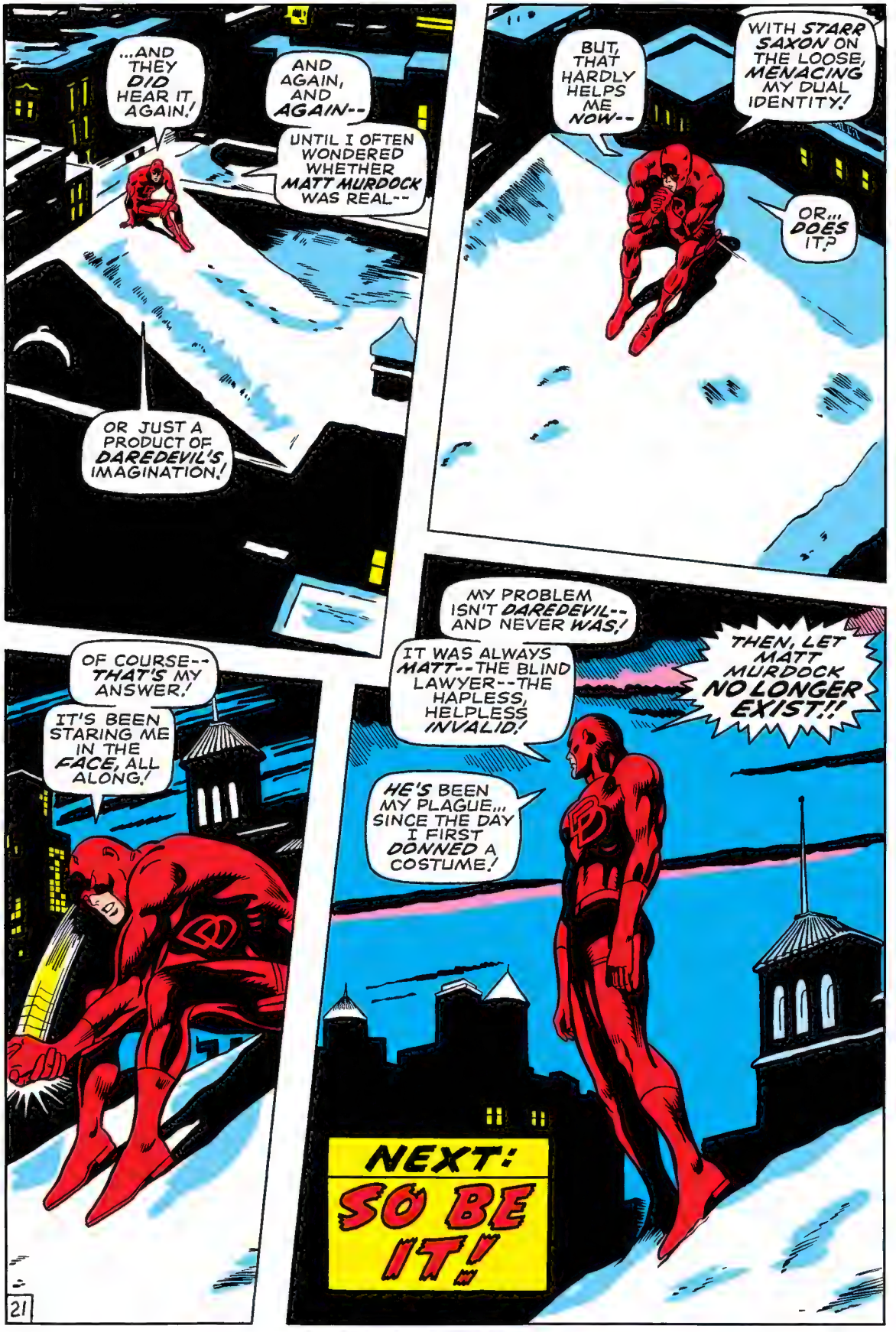
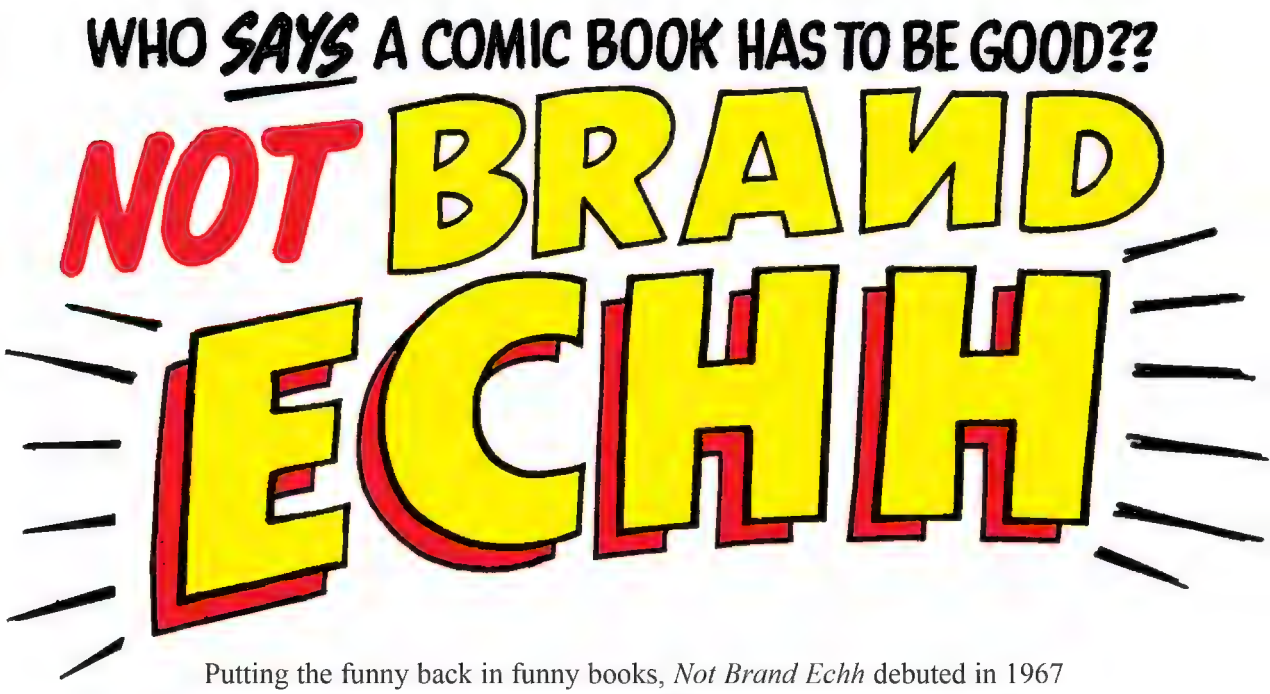
"AND, SECONDS LATER--"
THE ROLLING STEEL IS MAKING SUCH A RACKET THAT I CAN'T HEAR HIS FOOTSTEPS...
BUT I CAN EASILY DETECT THE SCENT OF HIS CIGAR!
HE'S GONNA GET ME! HE--
MY HEART!!
CAN'T BREATHE! OHHH--
NO PULSE... NO HEARTBEAT...!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
TRANSIT POLICE... JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!
AND SO IS THIS INCOMING TRAIN!
FOLLOW ME, BOYS!
NOW FOR MY LAST BLUFF...
TO RIVAL THE TALL-TALE ABOUT HAVING A TAPE RECORDER IN MY BILLY CLUB!
DON'T YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO STAY WHERE I LEFT YOU, SLADE?
UHH!!
...SO THE FIXER SANG, DID HE?
WELL, HE'S JUST AS GUILTY AS I AM!
I MAY HAVE PULLED THE TRIGGER... BUT HE GAVE THE ORDERS!
HEAR ENOUGH, BOYS?
WE SURE DID!
BUT WAIT-- WHO ARE YOU?
THE NAME IS... DAREDEVIL!
REMEMBER IT! YOU'LL BE HEARING IT AGAIN... I PROMISE!


...AND THEY DID HEAR IT AGAIN!
AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN--
UNTIL I OFTEN WONDERED WHETHER MATT MURDOCK WAS REAL--
OR JUST A PRODUCT OF DAREDEVIL'S IMAGINATION!
BUT, THAT HARDLY HELPS ME NOW--
WITH STARR SAXON ON THE LOOSE, MENACING MY DUAL IDENTITY!
OR... DOES IT?
OF COURSE-- THAT'S MY ANSWER!
IT'S BEEN STARING ME IN THE FACE, ALL ALONG!
MY PROBLEM ISN'T DAREDEVIL-- AND NEVER WAS!
IT WAS ALWAYS MATT--THE BLIND LAWYER--THE HAPLESS, HELPLESS INVALID!
HE'S BEEN MY PLAGUE... SINCE THE DAY I FIRST DONNED A COSTUME!
THEN, LET MATT MURDOCK NO LONGER EXIST!!
NEXT: SO BE IT!



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Presented here from November 1967's *Not Brand Echh* #4 is a take on Splat Murdock, Scaredevil, twisted further inside-out than even the worst legal briefs (not boxers.) Notable for artist Gene Colan's excellent ability to tackle comedy just as ably as action, it's a quick taste of the sharp, satirical artwork readers would come to enjoy in his later work on *Howard the Duck.*

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"DEFEATED BY THE EVIL ELECTRICO!"

WE TAKE YOU TO THE OFFICE OF HOGGY NELSON AND SPLAT MURDOCK, WHERE THE TWO GREATEST LEGAL BRAINS OF OUR TIME ARE HARD AT WORK, SLAVING FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND! (MELVIN MANKIND, THEIR BOSS!)

MARRY ME, MISS RAGE, AND I'LL TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS!

UH UH! I LIKE IT HERE, HOGGY!

THE WORKING CONDITIONS ARE GREAT!

BUT YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING!

THAT'S WHAT I MEAN!

LITTLE DO THEY REALIZE THAT I, SPLAT MURDOCK, AM ALSO IN LOVE WITH HER!

BUT I MUST NEVER LET THEM FIND OUT!

--BECAUSE HOGGY WOULD BEAT ME UP!

URGENT

SECRET

HELP! -ANT-MAN

LUNCH

A PROFOUNDLY PHILOSOPHICAL PRODUCTION, BY:
STAN (THE MAN) LEE + GENE (THE DEAN) COLAN

INKED BY: JOHN TARTAGLIONE

LETTERED BY: ARTIE SIMEK

(ACADEMY AWARDS COMMITTEE--PLEASE NOTE!)

...AND NOW, WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MARBLE MADNESS--!

I MUST BE NONCHALANT--CASUAL--DEVIL-MAY-CARE!
THEY MUSTN'T SUSPECT THAT I'M REALLY SCAREDEVIL!
WHO DO YOU THINK SCARE-DEVIL REALLY IS?
WHO CARES?
NOT FOR DEPOSIT OF MAIL
HURRY
A DREAMBOAT LIKE ME COULD WIN HER IN A MINUTE--IF NOT FOR MY SECRET IDENTITY HANG-UP!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--
I'LL QUIT THE SUPER-HERO BIT--AND GO LEGIT!
THEN SHE'LL BE MINE AT LAST!
AND ALSO, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET RID OF THESE PHONY SPECS!
I CAN NEVER REMEMBER WHERE I PUT THEM, ANYWAY!
MMMS
I'LL JUST TOSS 'EM IN HERE FOR A WHILE--!
THE MARAUDER LIVES! (HE'S EDITING GNATMAN!)
OH, FOR PITY'S SAKE!
NOW I REMEMBER WHERE I PUT THEM!
STAMP OUT SATIRE!
SOLE MUSIC
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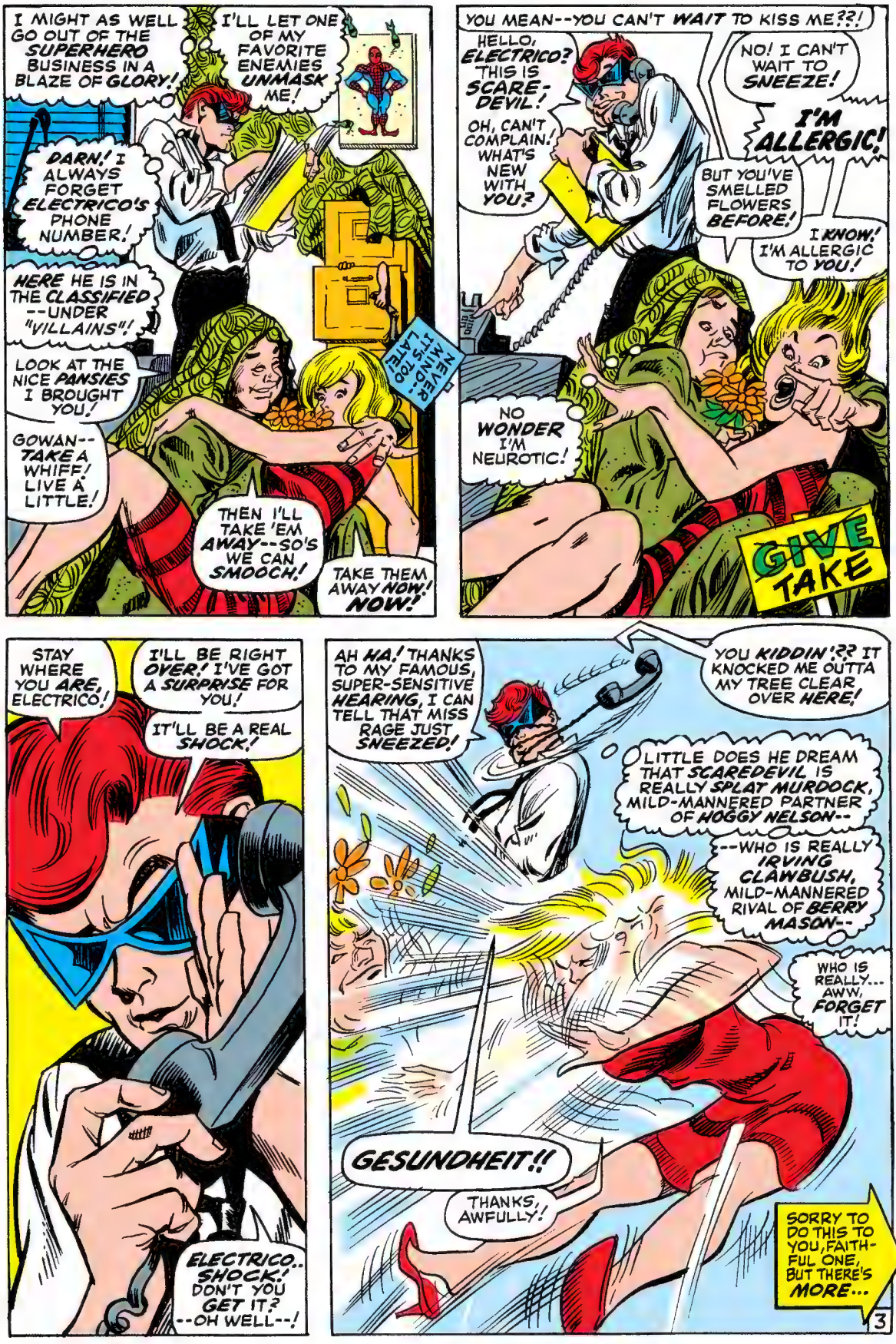
I MIGHT AS WELL GO OUT OF THE SUPERHERO BUSINESS IN A BLAZE OF GLORY!
I'LL LET ONE OF MY FAVORITE ENEMIES UNMASK ME!
DARN! I ALWAYS FORGET ELECTRICO'S PHONE NUMBER!
HERE HE IS IN THE CLASSIFIED --UNDER "VILLAINS"!
LOOK AT THE NICE PANSIES I BROUGHT YOU!
GOWAN-- TAKE A WHIFF! LIVE A LITTLE!
THEN I'LL TAKE 'EM AWAY--SO'S WE CAN SMOOCH!
NEVER MIND-- IT'S TOO LATE!
TAKE THEM AWAY NOW! NOW!
YOU MEAN--YOU CAN'T WAIT TO KISS ME??!
HELLO, ELECTRICO? THIS IS SCARE-DEVIL!
OH, CAN'T COMPLAIN! WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?
NO! I CAN'T WAIT TO SNEEZE!
I'M ALLERGIC!
BUT YOU'VE SMELLED FLOWERS BEFORE!
I KNOW! I'M ALLERGIC TO YOU!
NO WONDER I'M NEUROTIC!
GIVE TAKE
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, ELECTRICO!
I'LL BE RIGHT OVER! I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!
IT'LL BE A REAL SHOCK!
ELECTRICO.. SHOCK! DON'T YOU GET IT? --OH WELL--!
AH HA! THANKS TO MY FAMOUS, SUPER-SENSITIVE HEARING, I CAN TELL THAT MISS RAGE JUST SNEEZED!
YOU KIDDIN'?? IT KNOCKED ME OUTTA MY TREE CLEAR OVER HERE!
LITTLE DOES HE DREAM THAT SCAREDEVIL IS REALLY SPLAT MURDOCK, MILD-MANNERED PARTNER OF HOGGY NELSON--
--WHO IS REALLY IRVING CLAWBUSH, MILD-MANNERED RIVAL OF BERRY MASON--
WHO IS REALLY... AWW, FORGET IT!
GESUNDHEIT!!
THANKS, AWFULLY!
SORRY TO DO THIS TO YOU, FAITH-FUL ONE, BUT THERE'S MORE...
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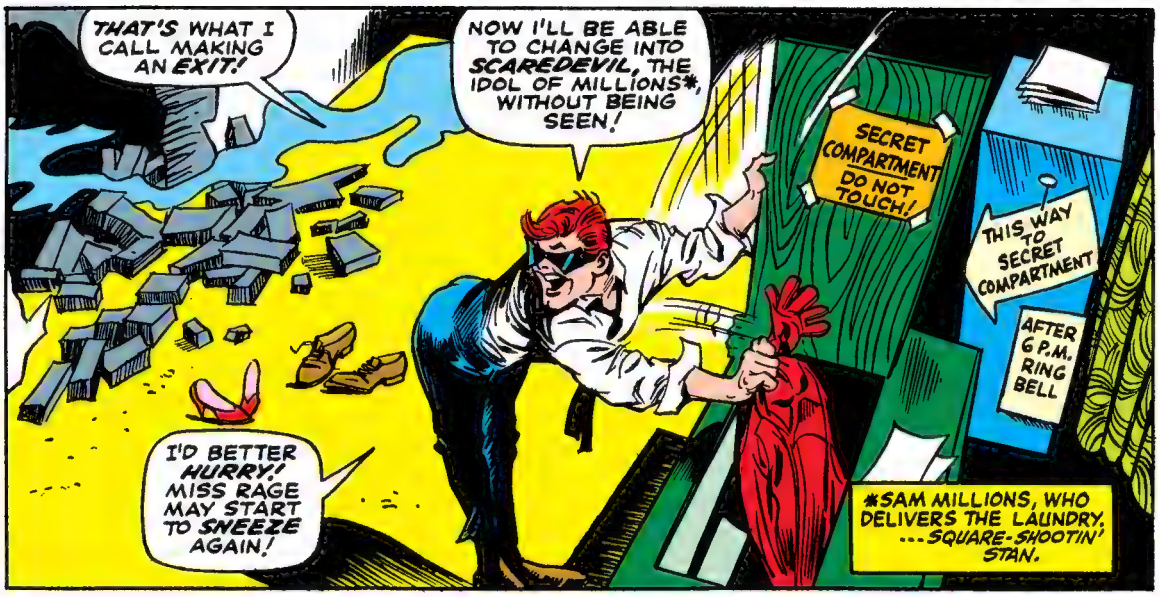
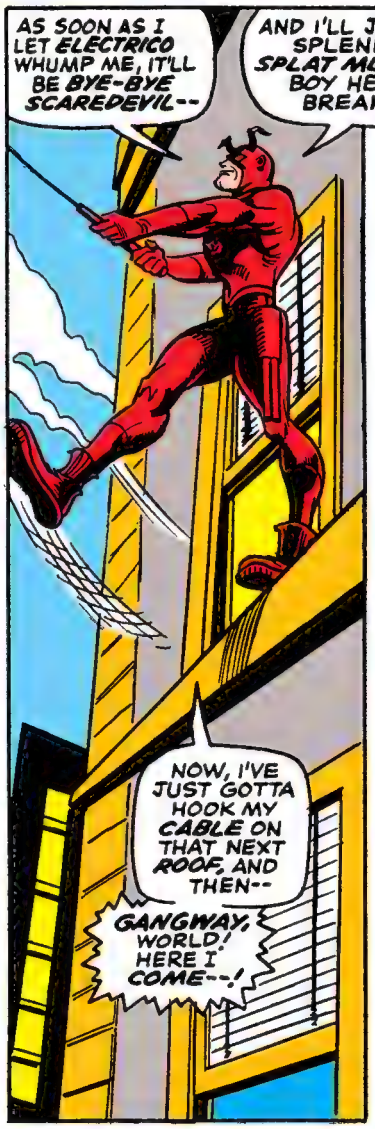
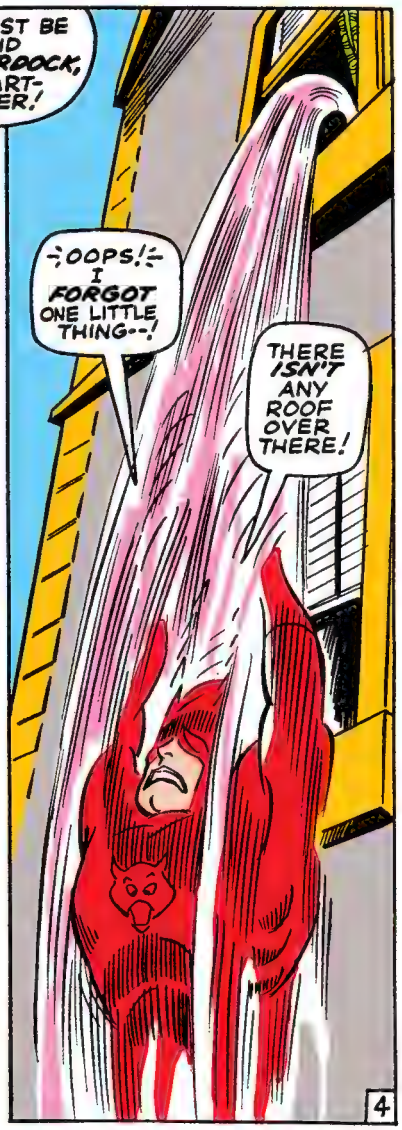
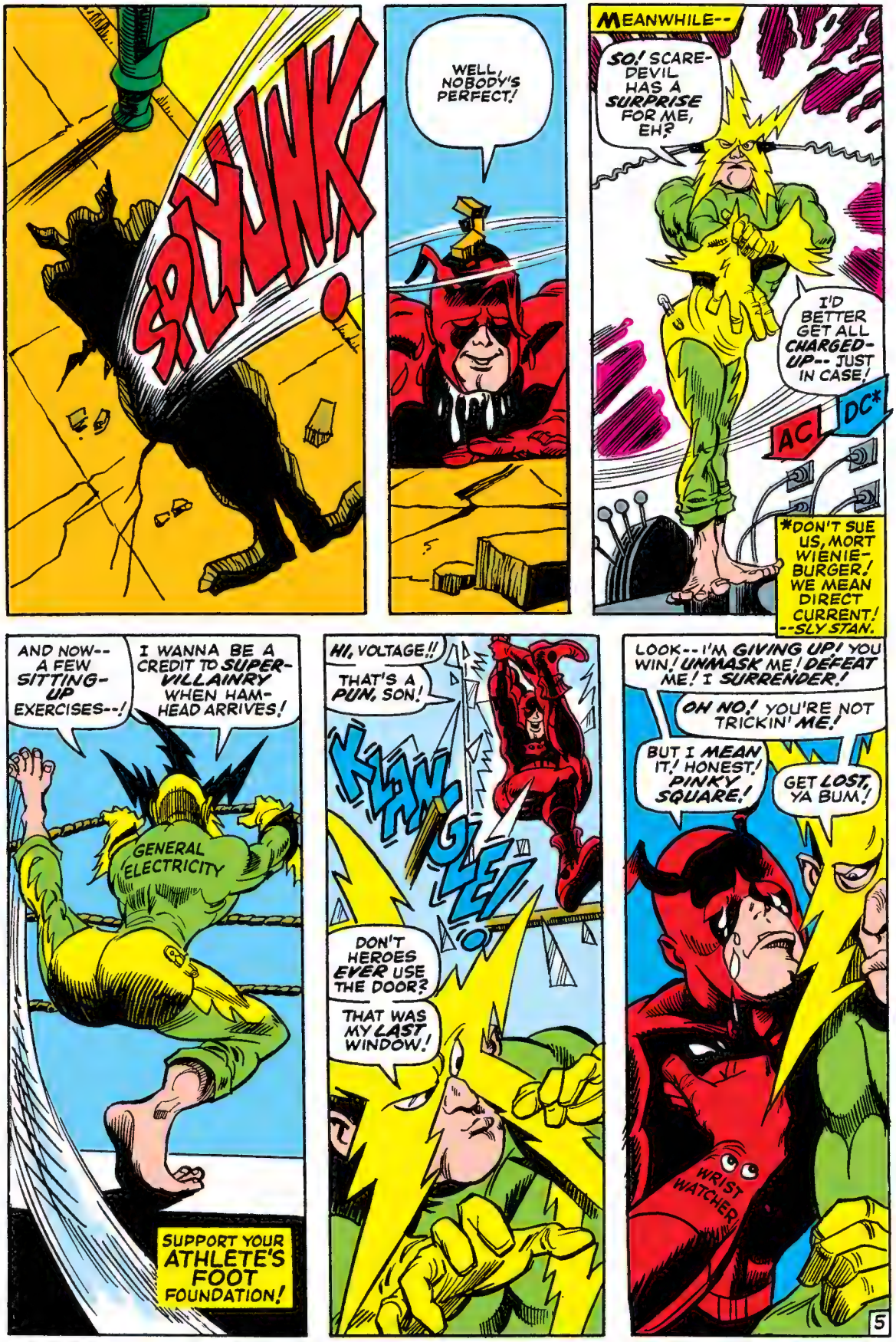

THAT'S WHAT I CALL MAKING AN EXIT!
NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO CHANGE INTO SCAREDEVIL, THE IDOL OF MILLIONS*, WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
SECRET COMPARTMENT DO NOT TOUCH!
THIS WAY TO SECRET COMPARTMENT
AFTER 6 P.M. RING BELL
I'D BETTER HURRY! MISS RAGE MAY START TO SNEEZE AGAIN!
*SAM MILLIONS, WHO DELIVERS THE LAUNDRY. ---SQUARE-SHOOTIN' STAN.

I'LL LET MY PANTIN' PUBLIC TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT THE OL' BODY BEAUTIFUL--
--'CAUSE THIS IS THE LAST TIME THEY'RE GONNA SEE IT IN ALL ITS GLORY!


AS SOON AS I LET ELECTRICO WHUMP ME, IT'LL BE BYE-BYE SCAREDEVIL--
AND I'LL JUST BE SPLENDID SPLAT MURDOCK, BOY HEART-BREAKER!
NOW, I'VE JUST GOTTA HOOK MY CABLE ON THAT NEXT ROOF, AND THEN--
GANGWAY, WORLD! HERE I COME--!


-:OOPS!:- I FORGOT ONE LITTLE THING--!
THERE ISN'T ANY ROOF OVER THERE!


SPLUNK!
WELL, NOBODY'S PERFECT!
MEANWHILE--
SO! SCARE-DEVIL HAS A SURPRISE FOR ME, EH?
I'D BETTER GET ALL CHARGED-UP-- JUST IN CASE!
AC
DC*
*DON'T SUE US, MORT WIENIE-BURGER! WE MEAN DIRECT CURRENT! --SLY STAN.
AND NOW-- A FEW SITTING-UP EXERCISES--!
I WANNA BE A CREDIT TO SUPER-VILLAINRY WHEN HAM-HEAD ARRIVES!
GENERAL ELECTRICITY
SUPPORT YOUR ATHLETE'S FOOT FOUNDATION!
HI, VOLTAGE!!
THAT'S A PUN, SON!
KLANG!
DON'T HEROES EVER USE THE DOOR?
THAT WAS MY LAST WINDOW!
LOOK-- I'M GIVING UP! YOU WIN! UNMASK ME! DEFEAT ME! I SURRENDER!
OH NO! YOU'RE NOT TRICKIN' ME!
BUT I MEAN IT! HONEST! PINKY SQUARE!
GET LOST, YA BUM!
WRIST WATCHER
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YOU'VE GOTTA DO IT! YOU'VE GOTTA PULVERIZE ME!
IT'S NOT FOR ME I'M ASKING!
IT'S FOR FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE--AND MOM'S APPLE PIE!
YECCHH!-- YOU NEVER TASTED MY MOM'S APPLE PIE!!
NOW GO AWAY!
I WANNA READ MY NEW SLAYBOY MAGAZINE!
C'MON, TAKE OFF MY MASK! THREATEN ME! CALL ME NASTY NAMES!
I'M TOO SMART FOR YOU, SCARE-DEVIL!
I KNOW YOUR MASK IS PROBABLY BOOBY-TRAPPED!
SO YOU WON'T CATCH ME TOUCHING IT!
BESIDES, I DON'T CARE WHO YOU REALLY ARE!
BUT YOU MUST CARE!! YOU MÜST!
DO YOU WANT ME TO FEEL UNWANTED? UNLOVED?
HEY! CUT IT OUT! DON'T GET HOSTILE!
YOU'RE NOT ONLY A VILLAIN--YOU'RE A ROTTEN PERSON!
STOP WITH THE SPARKS, AWREADY!
I TOLD YOU--I GIVE UP! I LOSE--YOU WIN!
ALL I WANT IS A NICE, QUIET DEFEAT
YOU DON'T FOOL ME WITH YOUR TRICKY TACTICS!
OH NO! I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY!
I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT I'M NOT REACHING YOU!
ZOT!
BOY! YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO HURT A FELLA!
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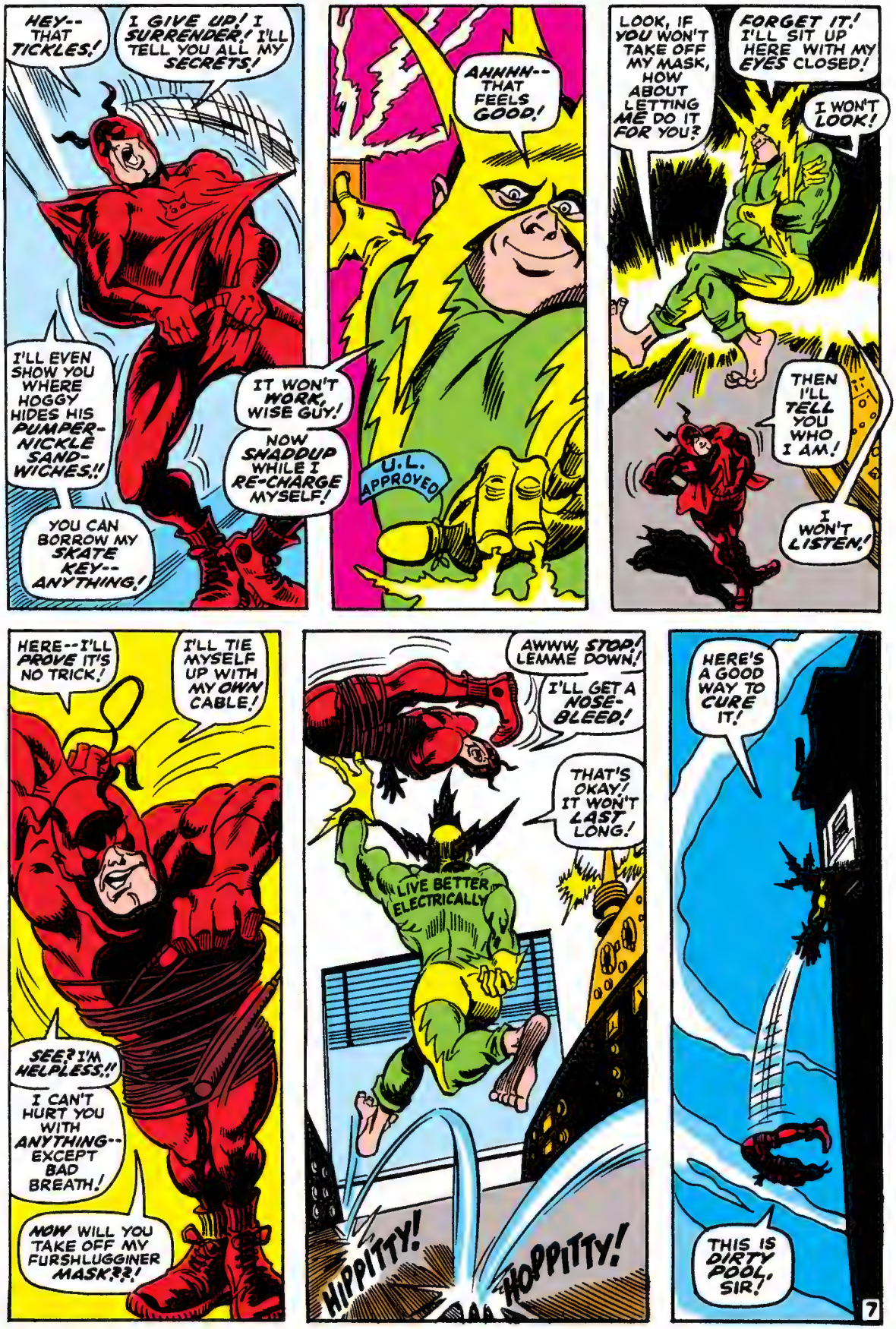
HEY-- THAT TICKLES!
I GIVE UP! I SURRENDER! I'LL TELL YOU ALL MY SECRETS!
I'LL EVEN SHOW YOU WHERE HOGGY HIDES HIS PUMPERNICKLE SANDWICHES!!
YOU CAN BORROW MY SKATE KEY-- ANYTHING!
IT WON'T WORK, WISE GUY!
NOW SHADDUP WHILE I RE-CHARGE MYSELF!
AHHHH-- THAT FEELS GOOD!
U.L. APPROVED
LOOK, IF YOU WON'T TAKE OFF MY MASK, HOW ABOUT LETTING ME DO IT FOR YOU?
FORGET IT! I'LL SIT UP HERE WITH MY EYES CLOSED!
I WON'T LOOK!
THEN I'LL TELL YOU WHO I AM!
I WON'T LISTEN!
HERE--I'LL PROVE IT'S NO TRICK!
I'LL TIE MYSELF UP WITH MY OWN CABLE!
SEE? I'M HELPLESS!!
I CAN'T HURT YOU WITH ANYTHING-- EXCEPT BAD BREATH!
NOW WILL YOU TAKE OFF MY FURSHLUGGINER MASK???!
AWWW, STOP! LEMME DOWN!
I'LL GET A NOSEBLEED!
THAT'S OKAY! IT WON'T LAST LONG!
LIVE BETTER ELECTRICALLY
HIPPITTY!
HOPPITTY!
HERE'S A GOOD WAY TO CURE IT!
THIS IS DIRTY POOL, SIR!
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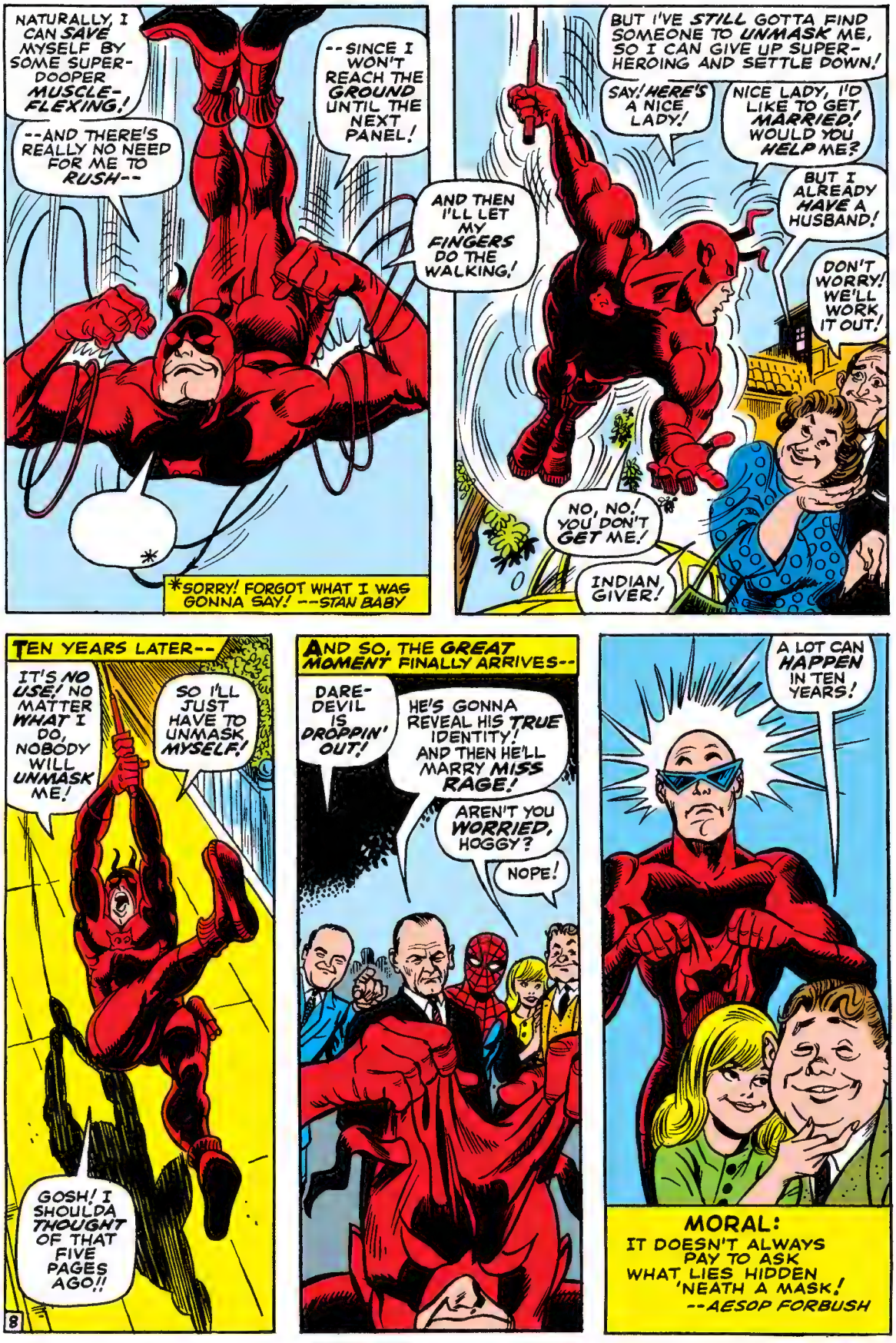
NATURALLY, I CAN SAVE MYSELF BY SOME SUPER-DOOPER MUSCLE-FLEXING!
--AND THERE'S REALLY NO NEED FOR ME TO RUSH--
--SINCE I WON'T REACH THE GROUND UNTIL THE NEXT PANEL!
AND THEN I'LL LET MY FINGERS DO THE WALKING!
*SORRY! FORGOT WHAT I WAS GONNA SAY! --STAN BABY
BUT I'VE STILL GOTTA FIND SOMEONE TO UNMASK ME, SO I CAN GIVE UP SUPER-HEROING AND SETTLE DOWN!
SAY! HERE'S A NICE LADY!
NICE LADY, I'D LIKE TO GET MARRIED! WOULD YOU HELP ME?
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A HUSBAND!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL WORK IT OUT!
NO, NO! YOU DON'T GET ME!
INDIAN GIVER!
TEN YEARS LATER--
IT'S NO USE! NO MATTER WHAT I DO, NOBODY WILL UNMASK ME!
SO I'LL JUST HAVE TO UNMASK MYSELF!
GOSH! I SHOULDA THOUGHT OF THAT FIVE PAGES AGO!!
AND SO, THE GREAT MOMENT FINALLY ARRIVES--
DARE-DEVIL IS DROPPIN' OUT!
HE'S GONNA REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY! AND THEN HE'LL MARRY MISS RAGE!
AREN'T YOU WORRIED, HOGGY?
NOPE!
A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN TEN YEARS!
MORAL:
IT DOESN'T ALWAYS PAY TO ASK WHAT LIES HIDDEN 'NEATH A MASK!
--AESOP FORBUSH

BIOGRAPHIES

STAN LEE

Stanley Lieber was born in New York City in 1922, the oldest son of Jewish immigrants from Romania. Upon an early graduation from high school, Stan was thrust out into the post-Depression wartime economy. Through family connections, he was able to land a job with Martin Goodman's comic-book publishing start-up, Timely Comics, as an assistant editor. His youthful aspiration was to one day write the "Great American Novel," so when his first professional writing job came, in the form of a humble two-page text story in *Captain America Comics* #3, he adopted a pseudonym: Stan Lee. This way, he could reserve his real name for that novel-to-be.

But the world of comics managed to keep Stan Lee constantly employed. His proficiency on the job got him the position of managing editor at an extremely young age. He graduated from simple text pieces to full-length stories in *All-Winners*, *USA Comics*, and other Timely anthologies. His tenure in the '50s saw him expand the company (now called Atlas Comics) output to include more genre experimentation, with westerns, war, horror and crime comics.

All this activity was a prelude to the Marvel Age of Comics, ushered in under the auspices of Stan Lee and a small stable of artists topped off by the formidable talents of Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko. Responding to Martin Goodman's challenge to do something to find a way to revitalize dwindling sales, Stan figured he would co-opt the successful super-hero revival at competitor DC Comics and add his own magic to the mix: Instead of being perfect invulnerable champions, Stan's Marvel Age heroes would be normal, fallible, imperfect people, forced to cope with their newfound superhuman traits just like the average person might.

Stan's innovation sent shock waves through the comics industry, and within a few years, Marvelmania was taking hold: unlike other fads of the time, it wasn't letting go. Under his direction, creations like Fantastic Four, Spider-Man, Iron Man, Thor, Doctor Strange and Incredible Hulk flourished in the shared universe they inhabited. Stan developed the idea that these larger-than-life heroes would meet each other in crossovers from title to title, thus exploding the story possibilities for the kids who became eager fans.

In addition to bringing a new twist to the life of the super hero, Stan also brought the reader inside Marvel's "Batty Bullpen," creating a sense of camaraderie and special membership. His friendly and enthusiastic banter in letters pages, house ads, and Bullpen Bulletins brought Marvel Comics to a level of familiarity with their fans that had kids and college students proudly professing themselves to be "True Believers."

At one time, Stan wrote virtually every comic that appeared from Marvel during the 1960s. But when he was promoted to Publisher in 1971, his writing had to take a backseat, and by the mid-'70s, he semi-retired from scripting duties. Over the years, Stan has returned to write scripts for the odd single issue or series, focusing on Marvel's ventures into television and movie development. To this day, he remains Marvel Comics' single greatest ambassador to the world.

GENE COLAN

Gene "The Dean" Colan spent his decades as a comic artist honing a unique style that relied on realistic figure drawing and moody shadows. At a time when the norm lent itself to more abstracted cartooning, Colan helped broaden the aesthetic range of what comics could look like.

Born in Brooklyn in 1926, Gene had always had an interest in drawing, and he took up studies at the Art Students League of New York. Gene served his country in World War II in the Philippines, and though this delayed his art career, it eventually paid off with a solid acumen at drawing realistic scenes of warfare in the stories he would draw for DC Comics (*Our Army at War, All-American Men at War*) and the pre-Marvel Atlas Comics titles (*Battle, Marines in Battle, Navy Combat*). Over the next fifteen years, Gene would continue to do genre work on war, romance, and sci-fi comics, as well as licensed characters like *Hopalong Cassidy*.

But when the super-hero genre broke wide open again in the 1960s, Gene was ready to take it on with gusto. Under the pseudonym Adam Austin, he was hired on to draw Marvel Comics super heroes, including Namor, the Sub-Mariner in the pages of *Tales to Astonish* and Iron Man in *Tales of Suspense*. In these two cases, Gene's stories were matched opposite the work of other Marvel artists who were drawing the exploits of the Hulk and Captain America, and Gene's mysterious and shadowy linework contrasted very effectively with the thick, slick drawings of contemporaries like Jack Kirby, John Romita and Bill Everett.

Gene moved on to draw a celebrated run on *Doctor Strange* with Roy Thomas, and a stint on *Captain America*, but the Silver Age Marvel character he is most often associated with is Daredevil, Marvel's Man Without Fear! Gene's *Daredevil* drawings were steeped in fluid, athletic grace, and his tenure on the title saw him visually flesh out the contradictions between the unflinching heroism of Matt Murdock and the world of darkness that he lived in. Gene would draw nearly every issue of *Daredevil* across an 80-issue run leading to #100, but he also drew a small handful of issues right before Frank Miller would come on board to great acclaim, Miller's *Daredevil* naturally owing a great debt to the already established visual precepts of the Colan era.

During the rest of the 1970s, Colan displayed the diversity of his talents drawing Steve Gerber's satirical *Howard the Duck* series and the vampire/horror series *Tomb of Dracula*. The latter was drenched in the style that Colan had evolved over the years and which reached its zenith in the service of Marvel's version of Count Dracula. He drew the entire 70-issue run.

Gene worked steadily into the '80s, once again drawing *Doctor Strange* for Marvel and also doing work for DC, including *Phantom Force*, *Silver Blade* and extensive work drawing the Dark Knight in the pages of *Detective Comics* and *Batman*. In 2005, Gene was ushered into the Will Eisner Hall of Fame, earning well-deserved acclaim from an industry and fan base that both loves and respects him. Though now in his eighties, Gene is still a vital presence in the field providing instruction to burgeoning artists, illustrating the occasional piece, and greeting fans at conventions.

ROY THOMAS

Roy Thomas broke into the comics business in 1965, a bright-eyed young man from Missouri who would come to personally represent the inevitable promise of the medium finally made manifest: the fan that was raised on the stories was now creating them. Along with fellow fan Jerry Bails, Roy developed the first known organized comic fandom in the pages of *Alter Ego,* their self-published fanzine that connected together longtime and avid readers of comic books.

Leaving a teaching job, Roy took his deep knowledge of comics characters and their history and moved to New York City, taking advantage of an opportunity to work at DC Comics. His stay lasted little over a week, and he moved quickly across town to Marvel, where his career in comics started in earnest. As staff writer under Stan Lee, his duties quickly matured from proofreading and spot writing to more serious work as an assistant editor, where his acumen at remembering the minutia of Marvel history came in handy for his forgetful boss.

Titles as disparate as *Modeling With Millie, Kid Colt,* and *Sgt. Fury* were written under his auspices, but his burning desire to write his own super-hero comics was held at bay. Eventually, he was able to write a few super-hero stories as fill-ins for Stan Lee: "My Life For Yours!," the Iron Man feature in *Tales of Suspense* #73, and a pair of Dr. Strange stories for *Strange Tales.*

Stan must have liked what he was reading, because after this seeming trial period, Roy "The Boy" (as he was called around the Bullpen) was given his own books for keeps. Roy closed out 1966 holding the reins to both *Sgt. Fury* and *The X-Men.* The latter book was a big deal for him personally, as his true love in writing was not *just* super-hero books, but super-hero *team* books! Along with artist Werner Roth, Roy carried the book through its post-Lee/Kirby tenure, creating characters along the way like Banshee, Sunfire, and Havok, culminating in his watershed collaboration with Neal Adams.

Proving his mettle on *X-Men* led him to *The Avengers,* and it was with this team that Roy really started crafting his legacy. In the pages of Earth's Mightiest Heroes, Roy introduced the Vision, drafted the Black Panther into membership, and wrote the "Kree/Skrull War." All in all, Roy logged serious time as writer of *Doctor Strange, Sub-Mariner, The Incredible Hulk, Captain Marvel* and more before the '60s concluded.

As he marched into the '70s, Roy's influence at Marvel widened even further to include the first adaptation of Robert E. Howard's *Conan the Barbarian,* a reinvention of Adam Warlock, and new super-team, The Defenders. By 1972 Roy was selected to succeed Stan Lee as Editor-In-Chief after the maestro of Marvel moved on to duties as Publisher. His tenure as EIC lasted for over two years before he returned to his writer/editor role, creating *Savage Sword of Conan*, *What If...?*, and the WWII heroes, the Invaders.

In 1980, he left the House of Ideas for DC Comics to pursue a lifelong dream by reviving the Justice Society of America in the pages of *All-Star Squadron.* He wrote many more comics for DC and Marvel over the next two decades and is still active today, writing comics, historical studies, adaptations of classic novels, and publishing a new version of *Alter Ego.* He lives in South Carolina with his wife and collaborator, Dann, and an amazing menagerie of animals that must make the neighbors nervous!

BARRY WINDSOR-SMITH

A brash newcomer to the comic-art scene in the late '60s, London-born Barry Windsor-Smith rose from drawing his first American comics work on a New York City park bench to become one of the medium's most influential artists, driving his passion for pre-Raphaelite naturalism and Art Nouveau design into mainstream comics.

Influenced from an early age by the Silver Age comic art of luminaries like Jack Kirby and Gil Kane, Barry made it a goal to one day work for Marvel Comics as a comic book artist. His first forays behind the drawing board produced work for *X-Men, Daredevil,* and *Nick Fury,* all of which revealed a young man stridently working to define his own voice, while mastering the lessons of his artistic forbearers.

He first stepped out in a big way on *Conan the Barbarian,* Marvel's adaptation of Robert E. Howard's seminal sword and sorcery character. It was here that Barry developed a stunningly fresh approach to comic-art draftsmanship, initially holding onto Kirby's dynamic energy but pouring an increasing amount of time into detailed, literate figure drawing and fantasy illustration. As his skills developed, it became clear that Barry's work on *Conan* was a clarion call for comic artists who wanted to take a more refined approach to their illustration.

In addition to making Conan into a bona fide hit for the super-hero heavy Marvel, Barry also turned in memorable work on *Avengers, Marvel Premiere,* and *Ka-Zar,* after which Barry stunned his peers by leaving Marvel and starting Gorblimey Press, his own studio which produced original prints and stories entirely of his own making, a concern which is still ongoing today.

A return to Marvel in 1984 produced a small handful of projects that nonetheless made a huge impression: the Machine Man limited series; the groundbreaking excursion into Wolverine's origin, "Weapon X"; "Lifedeath", a pair of timeless Storm stories told in *Uncanny X-Men,* and a myriad of classic covers, including several for *Conan Saga.*

As the '90s began, Barry took on the role of creative director for Valiant Comics, an upstart company formed by former Marvel EIC Jim Shooter. This line of comics, including his *Archer and Armstrong, Solar: Man of the Atom,* and *Unity,* was a big hit thanks in part to Barry's committed return to regular comics work. His most recent regular work was in Malibu Comics' *Rune,* the *BWS: Storyteller* anthology and his series of autobiographical art books, *Opus.*

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